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Major shouted down as jobless total passes 3m

SIMON WALKER



Here is the bad news: Gillian Shephard, employment secretary, speaking about the unemployment figures against a Westminster backdrop at her department yesterday

Budget package promised

By Philip Webster and Philip Bassett

A furious reaction greeted the unemployment total. The government can expect further trouble when the long term figures come out next week

A WAVE of anger confronted the government yesterday when unemployment broke through the three million barrier for only the second time this century.

As John Major endured the stormiest scenes of the present parliament, thousands of unemployed people demonstrated at Westminster and at jobcentres across the country. Even professional bodies joined the chorus of protest.

The prime minister appeared in the Commons after the cabinet had been told that a package of measures to help the jobless would be included in the March 16 Budget. But, constrained by Budget secrecy, he was unable to announce fresh palliatives to quell the fury he encountered during question time, and he was often drowned out by the shouting as he fiercely defended existing training and employment schemes.

John Smith accused Mr Major of standing "idly by" while unemployment rose and condemned the latest increase as "economic madness as well as social tragedy". But Mr Major insisted: "We are determined to bring unemployment down and we will."

Norman Lamont is expected to unveil a jobs package costing up to £100 million in the Budget, in addition to the extended range of measures being brought in on April 1. It will include an extension of the training-for-work scheme, an extension of the business start-up scheme, and a relaxation of benefit rules that discourage the unemployed from entering full-time education or doing voluntary work.

Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, outlined the new measures to the cabinet yesterday after announcing that the number of people out of work and claiming benefit had risen by 78,726 to a six-year high of 3,062,065. "Our economic policies will bring unemployment down and will keep unemployment down," she said.

But in spite of ministers' careful attempts to emphasise that tackling unemployment has top priority, there are further difficulties in store for the government next week when figures are published showing that the long-term unemployed — those of work for more than a year — now number almost a million. Mrs Shephard will also face close questioning from the Commons employment select committee, whose Labour chairman, Greville Janner, yesterday condemned the three million figure as disgraceful.

The only glimmer of hope yesterday was that seasonally adjusted unemployment rose by only 22,100 to 2,995,100 — the smallest increase for seven months. But the figure is sure to top three million when the February statistics are announced two days after the Budget.

The January jobless rise dominated Commons questions yesterday almost to the exclusion of other issues. Mr Smith told Mr Major: "The country will never forget that it was your government and your Chancellor who told us unemployment was a price well worth paying," and demanded: "On the day when unemployment has reached the tragic total of three million, will you publicly repudiate this heartless approach?"

Mr Major replied that a comprehensive system of schemes "unmatched in the history of this country or elsewhere in Europe" had been put in place to deal with a problem that existed in every country in Europe.

But the Labour leader came back to declare: "Unemployment at this menacing level is not just a personal disaster for millions of honest and decent people who want to have the independence and dignity that employment can give them, but is an economic millstone round this country's neck." Mr Major retorted: "We are determined to bring unemployment down and we will — but with our policies not yours!" He said the government would be introducing new training schemes in April. Interest rates were at the lowest level for 25 years and retail sales were rising. "Those are the facts that bring positive

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Police find new witness in hunt for boy's killers

By Ronald Faux

DETECTIVES are now convinced that two-year-old James Bulger was murdered by the two boys who abducted him. As the hunt for the boys concentrated yesterday on the Walton area of Liverpool, two miles from the Bootle shopping centre where James was led away, police revealed that a new witness may have been the last person to see him alive.

Police were trying to produce a more detailed description of the suspects based on information provided by the new witness. They are using the E-Fit computer system to construct images of the boys.

Detective Supt Albert Kirby, who is leading the enquiry, said there were no indications that an adult was involved in James's death. "I am now convinced that the abductors are more likely to have caused his death," Mr Kirby said. The new witness is a woman who saw James with the two boys at 4.45pm last Friday in County Road, Walton. She questioned them and the boys said that they wanted to take James to Walton Lane police station because they had found him "down by the Strand".

WANTED BOYS

Merseyside police last night issued a fuller description of the two boys they are hunting in connection with the murder. One is about 13, 5ft 1in, slim with short dark straight hair. He is very pale, with brown eyes, a long nose and long face. He wore a light-coloured threequarter-length jacket and dark trousers. The second boy is aged 11-12, 4ft 9ins, chubby, with a rounded face, small nose and flat features. His hair was short, with the hair raised slightly to the left. He wore a black shiny zip-up jacket.

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Law lords strike blow for press freedom

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

LAWYERS and journalists last night hailed a ruling by the House of Lords as a significant advance for freedom of speech.

Five law lords unanimously ruled that local councils and government departments cannot sue for libel because to allow such actions would fetter the freedom of the press.

The ruling upheld arguments used by Times Newspapers against an appeal brought by Derbyshire County Council, which wanted to sue *The Sunday Times* over reports published in 1981. The county council will have to pay Times Newspapers' costs, amounting to more than £300,000.

Yesterday's judgment clarified the libel law and extended the media's right to comment on the way the country is governed. Most significant, according to lawyers, was its recognition that English common law offers protection of freedom of speech comparable with Article 10 of the European Convention of Human Rights, which guarantees freedom of expression.

Anthony Lester, QC, who has argued freedom of speech cases for Times Newspapers, said: "This was a great blow for freedom of speech for the citizen critic and for the press. It is marvellous to be able to obtain effective protection of free expression from our own courts without having yet again to seek redress from the European Court of Human Rights".

Article 19, the anti-censorship organisation, said that the ruling had significantly boosted the public's right to know about how it is governed. "We hope the UK press will now feel freer to carry out genuine investigative journalism into the workings of public institutions without fear of harrassment, restraint or penalties."

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Prince sees his future as prophet of environment

From Alan Hamilton in Mexico City

WITH his marriage all but over and his wife leading a separate life, the Prince of Wales has taken a conscious decision to bury himself in work and rededicate himself to his perceived messianic role as an ecological prophet of the new world order.

Although exhausted and punished by jet lag, high altitude and foul air, the Prince ended his four-day visit to Mexico last night convinced that his future lies as a major player on the world environmental stage.

On his first official overseas tour since his separation, the Prince, in speeches and meetings with Mexican officials and businessmen, repeatedly drove home his message of sustainable development, quality of life and the need for a spiritual dimension in a technological age. He sees his major success of the tour as having set up a meeting of more than 100 influential local business leaders and extracted from them the promise of a wide range of environmental and social projects.

The mood of the visit contrasted with that to South Korea last November when the Prince was furious that all attention during the official tour was focused on the strained personal relations between himself and his wife, and that nobody had taken any interest in the fact that he had helped set up a major waste-recycling programme in the country with the world's largest per capita output of garbage.

In Mexico this week he established the ground work for a programme of rural water supply projects in a country which, although moving rapidly towards industrialisation, still carries a huge burden of rural poverty. The impetus was provided by a meeting of his Business Leaders' Forum, the 14th since it was set up in 1990, principally to offer assistance to the new democracies of eastern Europe.

Associates of the Prince on his international projects say his strengths lie in not carrying the baggage of either a politician or a businessman. "He is still a charismatic figure despite his personal problems. He has credibility because of his knowledge of the subject. He has no power, but the one thing he has to offer is the role of catalyst," one of them said yesterday.



Prince Charles sightseeing in Mexico

On his last day in Mexico yesterday the Prince played the tourist before boarding the royal yacht Britannia at the port of Cozumel to sail to an engagement in Jamaica. As the Prince left the country, Homero Aridjis, one of Mexico's leading environmentalists and a respected poet, said: "I have the greatest sympathy with him. Royalty is a species itself in danger of extinction."

UN refugee chief pressed to restore Bosnia aid effort

From James Bone in New York

PRESSURE was growing last night on Sadako Ogata, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to reverse her decision to halt the delivery of UN aid to eastern Bosnia and Sarajevo.

Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, who is touring Mrs Ogata's native Japan, was said to be upset by her unexpected move. "The secretary-general is now intervening, and a big boot will come down," a diplomat said after the UN began its effort to restore aid. A high-ranking UN official said Mrs Ogata, the head of an autonomous UN agency, was "back-tracking a bit" from her decision.

Mrs Ogata defended her dramatic move to stop delivering supplies to 100,000 Muslims besieged in eastern Bosnia and the authorities in Sarajevo, who have stopped distribution of UN assistance in sympathy with those starving in the east. "I think it has sharpened attention on the issue and we had strong support from the security council," Mrs Ogata, who is visiting Nairobi, said.

Distribution of aid protected by British troops will continue for several days so long as supplies last.

Members of the security council were patently unhappy about Mrs Ogata's decision, which was made without consulting key governments or even other senior UN officials, including Dr Boutros Ghali. The council issued a statement on Wednesday night condemning the obstruction of aid convoys but emphasising that it attached "the greatest importance" to the restoration of UN aid deliveries.

Serb militiamen allowed a stalled aid convoy heading to eastern Bosnia to move yesterday. The ten lorries moved out of Rogatica, where it had been stuck en route to Gorazde, only to find the road blocked by trees further on. A UN officer was last night arranging to clear the road.

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THE FAMOUS GROUSE
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QUALITY IN AN AGE OF CHANGE.

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

We've been here before, said Pooh

Dennis Skinner asked the Secretary of State for Employment "*if he will provide the latest unemployment figures, both nationally and regionally, and if he will make a statement . . .*"

The Secretary of State for Employment (Mr Norman Tebbit): "*At 14 October, the number of unemployed people claiming benefit in the United Kingdom was 3,049,008. Lower inflation and interest rates provide a firmer base from which industry and commerce can regain lost customers at home and abroad, thereby generating more jobs . . .*"

Or so the columns of the Official Report tell us. The year was 1982.

Readers whose memories go back even further will remember chapter 3 of *Winnie The Pooh*, "In which Pooh and Piglet go Hunting and nearly catch a Woozle". They will remember how the pair set off from a small spinney of larch trees. Later they reach a small spinney of larch trees, and find some mysterious tracks in the snow. "So round this spinney went Pooh and Piglet . . ." Round a spinney of another sort went government and opposition MPs yesterday.

"Three million!" shouted Labour. "Resign!". "Lower interest rates . . ." shouted the prime minister, "inflation down . . . We have put in place the conditions for economic growth . . ."

It was exceptionally boisterous. John Smith slipped into much the manner that Neil Kinnock and Michael Foot before him adopted, whenever unemployment reached a new high: he combined rage with bafflement: rage that so many people could be out of work, and bafflement that Tories could adopt what he considered a supine approach.

Mr Major, under pressure at the dispatch box, grows like his predecessor. Yesterday he came armed with lists: lists of what the government was doing and what was planned: lists of all the hopeful signs he could find in the economy; lists of everything wrong with Labour. To each shout of "What are you doing?" he would throw another list at MPs, the whole performance approaching the classic Thatcherian rants of the 1980s.

Paddy Ashdown followed well-trodden Liberal tracks. He deplored slanging matches and called for positive thinking, offering none himself. I reached for my nursery story . . .

"*Wait a moment,*" *said Winnie-the-Pooh, holding up his paw. He sat down and thought, in the most thoughtful way he could think. Then he fitted his paw into one of the tracks . . . and then he scratched his nose twice, and stood up.*

"*Yes,*" *said Winnie-the-Pooh.* "*I see now,*" *said Winnie-the-Pooh.* "*I have been Foolish and Deluded,*" *said he,* "*and I am a Bear of no Brain at All.*"

Government and Opposition MPs were busy, yesterday, furiously making new tracks in the snow, new columns in the Official Record for 1993. So busy and so furious that nobody tried fitting their paws into the tracks of the Official Record for 1982.

Perhaps in another 11 years the record for 2004 will take Parliament past a spinney of larch trees, to be joined (should anyone look back 11 and 22 years) by *two* mysterious sets of tracks in the snow. And the hunt will go on — the hunt for what politicians call "sustained economic growth". The rest of us are scratching our noses and beginning to wonder whether it might be a Woozle.

Economic forecasters are sure joblessness will not drop below three million this year

Unemployment heads for 100-year high

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

UNEMPLOYMENT looks likely to reach a record high later this year with the largest number of people officially out of work since unemployment records began 100 years ago.

On joblessness trends, this summer unemployment seems likely to exceed the previous record of 3.124 million reached in 1986.

Neither the Treasury nor the employment department publish official forecasts for unemployment, although officials make them internally for planning purposes. In its Autumn Statement, the Treasury published working assumptions about unemployment levels, used largely to calculate the demand for benefits. The assumption for 1992-3 was 2.74 million: already well below the actual level. Independent unemployment analysts do not believe that the assumptions for the following three years of 2.8 million each year are any more likely to be accurate.

Several economic forecasters publish estimates in place of official figures. No forecaster believes that unemployment will dip below three million this year. The average of forecasts made by academic, business and City economists suggests that unemployment will end the year at 3.17 million. The highest estimates suggest it could reach 3.35 million.

Next year is unlikely to be better. Respected forecasters such as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, the National Institute for Economic and Social Research and the London Business School all suggest that unemployment could dip to 2.9 million.

Other forecasts are as low as 2.5 million, which pulls the average forecast for 1993 down to 3.16 million.

Yet according to the way unemployment used to be calculated before a series of statistical changes carried out by the Conservative government, unemployment is already above four million.

Since 1980, the way unemployment has been calculated has been altered 30 times, according to the Unemployment Unit, the independent unemployment pressure group.

Among the changes monitored by the unit are the removal of unemployed miners from the count from mid 1989: taking out in 1984 all men over the age of 60: changes in 1982 which meant people registered at JobCentres were not automatically included in the count; and the abolition in 1988 of entitlement to income support for 16- and 17-year-olds.

Government statisticians deny that the figures they produce are in any way affected by political considerations, and say that the alterations to the way figures are compiled were largely in response to changes in the labour market.

The Unemployment Unit produces its own index which measures unemployment on a broader basis than the official figures, and produces unemployment totals on the basis of calculations used by the government up to November 1992.

On that premise, according to the unit, in December unemployment stood at 4.1 million, rather than the 2.974 million recorded in the government's figures. On the basis of the government's old calculation, unemployment actually rose above four million last October, when the index put it at 4.017 million.

Yesterday's figure leaves Britain close to the top of the international unemployment league table.

Of 21 countries used by the Department of Employment for comparison, the UK had the ninth highest rate, according to latest figures.

The UK's rate is even worse when compared with other European countries on figures supplied by Eurostat, the European Commission's statistical department.

Based on a different way of measuring unemployment, according to Eurostat the UK's rate was 11.3 per cent last November, higher than every other EC country except Spain and Ireland, against an EC average of 9.9 per cent.

The actual number of people out of work and claiming benefit now totals 3,062,065, the government said yesterday.

Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, said that helping the unemployed to find work was now the "top priority", but Mr Dobson, Labour's employment spokesman, said the new figure was "a tragedy for the people concerned and a disaster for the rest of the people of Britain".

The rise of 78,726 in so-called headline, unadjusted unemployment in January was considerably lower than the increase of 119,200 in the previous month, and than recent January figures — 122,137 in 1992 and 109,366 the previous year.

After the calculations to take account of seasonal factors had been applied, unemployment rose in January for the 33rd consecutive month, by 22,100, the lowest increase for seven months, to stand at 2,995,100. Unemployment on this basis now amounts to a rate of 10.6 per cent of the UK workforce.

Seasonally-adjusted unemployment rose in all regions of the UK, apart from a slight fall in the north of England. The largest rises continued to be in the south, in east Anglia and the South East.

Vacancies advertised at JobCentres — generally thought to be about a third of all vacancies available throughout the economy — fell by a further 4,400 to 104,700.

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JOHN MANNING



Getting the message home: a group of unemployed people displaying the latest jobless figure outside the House of Commons yesterday



Headstrong protest: Graham Stone, left, from Wales, and Terry Hutt, from Essex, on a demonstration for the TUC's Jobs Action Day

Major shouted down

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hope for the unemployed not your empty rhetoric."

Paddy Ashdown said that President Clinton had given his country hope through strong leadership and a clear progamme for renewal. "Isn't it fortunate that you don't have to make a State of the Nation address because if you had to, it's perfectly clear you would have nothing to say — not even 'sorry'!"

Away from Parliament, Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, said: "Ministers should bow their heads in shame for allowing the dole queues to reach these obscene levels." And the criticism from trade unions was unusually joined by a number of professional bodies. The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors said the figures would send "shudders of fear" through the construction industry, while Neil Johnson of the Engineering Employers Federation, said there could no longer be any doubt about the need for a long-term strategy for growth and employment in Britain.

Frustrated join call for action

By Kate Alderson

ANDREW Reay, 24, has not worked since leaving school. Yesterday he travelled from Newcastle upon Tyne to join hundreds of Britain's three million unemployed who lobbied Parliament as part of the TUC's Jobs Action Day.

"I don't know what it's like to have a job," Mr Reay said. "I've only ever been on training schemes, and none of them lead to work. Years and years of living on £33 a week really gets you down, getting up every day looking for work. I don't know what to do any more."

Chris Sumner, 24, from Newcastle, has been unemployed for a year and cannot find a place on an employment training scheme. "I'll try anything. I want to work. I can't go on like this, it makes you feel pathetic. I applied to Job Club last October and listed at least 20 occupations I was willing to work in, anywhere in Britain, but I've heard nothing."

Many of the unemployed see no end to their cycle of poverty. At the TUC rally at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster, sandwiches were handed out at lunchtime and many people took home the leftovers, glad of a free meal.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Mirror bankers back Labour line

The three British banks which own the shares that prop up Mirror Group Newspapers have told the directors that the papers must continue to support the Labour party (Ian Murray writes). The banks, which hold enough shares to dictate policy, have told David Montgomery, the chief executive, that he must ensure that the editorial line remains loyal to the left.

"We have made it plain that the editorial stance should remain what it has always been," one banking source said. "It makes sound economic sense, apart from the fact that Labour represents the likeliest alternative government."

Neil Kinnock, the former Labour leader, said yesterday that the way in which Alastair Campbell, the *Daily Mirror*'s political editor, was driven to leave his job this week showed that the political independence of the paper was being compromised by management decisions.

Treaty escape challenge

John Major was last night challenged on the legality of his escape route from possible defeat over the social chapter. In a letter to Mr Major, Paddy Ashdown said that advice to his Liberal Democrats from Anthony Lester QC, a constitutional lawyer, "makes it clear that parliamentary approval" is needed for full ratification of the Maastricht treaty, including the social chapter. The government had hoped that it had overcome difficulties on the treaty when it said that defeat on amendment 27, attacking Britain's opt-out from the chapter, would not destroy the treaty. The latest legal twist will hearten Tory Eurosceptics and encourage Labour and the Liberal Democrats to back the amendment.

Hogg protests to Iran

The Foreign Office minister Douglas Hogg told Iran's senior diplomat in London yesterday that he was deeply disturbed by recent affirmations of a *fatwa* against the author Salman Rushdie. In a 45-minute meeting with Gholamreza Ansari, Mr Hogg said that it was a violation of international law and an incitement to murder. "Mr Hogg said that the British government was deeply disturbed by recent statements by a number of figures in Iran reiterating the *fatwa*," the Foreign Office said. Mr Ansari agreed to report back to his government. The *fatwa*, imposed in February 1989, was reaffirmed on Sunday by Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's spiritual leader.

Miners lose case

Mining unions yesterday failed in their High Court challenge to consultation procedures British Coal plans over the early closure of ten pits. At the heart of the case was the failure of British Coal to implement the modified colliery review procedure, which lays down a consultation process. Lord Justice Glidewell said some form of independent scrutiny should take place on future consultations over pit closures. Mark Stephens, the unions' solicitor, declared the action a success as it had obliged British Coal to make clear that the mining consultants appointed to investigate the viability of the threatened pits would not necessarily be seen as providing independent scrutiny.

Husband freed

A man jailed for four years for throwing acid at his pregnant wife was cleared and freed by the Court of Appeal yesterday because the jury convicted him of an offence that does not exist in law. Santokh Singh Mandair was convicted at the Old Bailey in July 1991 of "causing grievous bodily harm" under Section 20 of the 1861 Offences Against the Person Act. Yesterday three appeal judges said that section 20 referred to "unlawfully and maliciously wounding or inflicting grievous bodily harm". The word "cause" did not appear. To declare the trial and verdict a nullity would be unjust now because Mandair had already served 19 months in prison, they said.

Budget deficit looms large as Major waits for tide to turn

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Yesterday's Commons exchanges will have brought little comfort to any of the three million unemployed. John Smith and Paddy Ashdown made vigorous attacks and John Major offered a predictable defence.

The politics of unemployment are finely balanced between legitimate anger at the economic and social waste and the calculation of party managers that yesterday's announcement will have little lasting political effect. The experience of the 1980s was that the unemployed did not vote very differently from other people of similar social background. It was the direction and rate of change of unemployment, not the level, that mattered politically.

Senior ministers believe those assumptions still apply, even though unemployment has now spread to Tory strongholds in the South. Hence, it is a question of timing and patience. The rate of growth of unemployment should slacken and the total could even fall before the next election. To talk of green shoots now would be tactless. However, inflation and interest rates have already come down sharply and the fall in sterling should boost exports. Action has already been taken, in the Autumn Statement last November to encourage the bringing forward of investment. The housing market seems to have stabilised and there are signs of a retail pick-up. The economy may be at a turning-point.

The government should not panic. Any overall expansionary package would work through just when the economy is already growing and such action is anyway ruled out by the need to tackle the existing sharp rise in public-sector borrowing. The government's predicament is similar in some ways to that of the Clinton administration: how to assist recovery while at the same time dealing with the budget deficit. The question being debated by Tory MPs — and ministers at the cabinet's usual pre-budget discussion yesterday — is not whether to cut taxes to boost recovery but when to raise them to reduce borrowing. A growing number of ministers accept that the Chancellor has to say something on March 16 about how he will tackle the deficit. That has been reinforced by the latest warning from the International Monetary Fund.

So the government is restricted to various micro-economic measures, such as the extra half million employment and training places on offer in April and schemes, to be announced in the March Budget, to help the unemployed.

For all the genuineness of yesterday's anger, the differences in the parties' positions are smaller than they appear, since all three leaders recognise those constraints. However, the government has to be seen to do something, even if it cannot alter the underlying direction of the economy.

PETER RIDDELL

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As James Bulger was led to his death, what were the people of Liverpool doing?

The city with a murder on its conscience

Walter Ellis retraces the abduction of the murdered two-year-old in Bootle, which went virtually unchallenged, and asks how horrors can be committed in our midst

FOR THE people of Liverpool, each reluctant step in the last journey of two-year-old James Bulger represents a knife in the heart of their community.

This is where he was seized. This is where he was dragged, screaming. This is where his abductors asked for help. This is where he died. Then ... they could have saved him. Now ... they can only offer flowers.

There is no escaping the genuiness of the grief. The exit from the Strand shopping centre in Bootle, where James was seen by security cameras struggling between two older boys, has become a shrine. Another shrine, much larger, has been established beneath the Cherry Lane railway embankment in Walton, close to where his body was discovered by children last Sunday.

Liverpudlians, many of them Irish Catholics by origin, like to sanctify their grief, and the grass bank in Cherry Lane, strewn with flowers, is in direct line of descent from the pitch at Anfield five years ago, after the Hillsborough disaster.

But what Liverpool, and the nation as a whole, wants to know is why this murder, so long drawn out, so public, was allowed to happen in the first place. Why did so many good people, now openly horrified by James's torment and death, pass by on the other side?

It happens in Britain, and elsewhere, all the time: old people are mugged, young women are raped, men are beaten up in railway carriages in full view of their fellow citizens, and hardly anyone complains, still less "has a go". Witnesses are too frightened. They do not know what they can do that will make a difference, and, anyway, it is not their business.

Liverpool is no different except, characteristically, after the event. A dumping ground for immigrants for nearly 200 years and still anguished behind the grandeur of its waterfront facade, the city lives on emotion; fears and hatreds bubble constantly below the surface. The mob, as self-pitying as it is self-righteous, is a constant presence, whether on tour in the Heysel Stadium, Brussels, or at home among the social dereliction of Liverpool 8, or as this week in the back streets of Bootle.

The angry crowd which gathered to condemn and threaten a boy and two adults taken in for police questioning from Snowdrop Street on Tuesday had no knowledge of their likely guilt or innocence; the three were suspects and that was enough.

When the trio were later released, having been eliminated from enquiries, their detractors were nowhere to be seen. Predictably, the mob had melted away to await the emergence of other victims.

So where was Liverpool's fabled community conscience when it was needed?

The journey from the Strand shopping centre to Cherry Lane takes an averagely fit adult, unencumbered by children, about 40 minutes. Police believe that it took James and his captors at least two hours — in daylight.

The dead boy's ordeal began shortly after 3.30pm last Friday as he stood outside a supermarket inside the centre, waiting for his mother to buy some groceries. Overhead, security cameras recorded the scene. Two boys, detectives say aged between 10 and 14, can be seen taking the confused toddler by the hand and guiding him forcefully to the exit. There are many adults in the picture, but evidently none was aware that a potential murder was unfolding.

Outside, the two boys and their infant captive, now visibly disturbed, would have crossed the busy main road, passed the canal and turned left into Merton Road, hard by the magistrates court with its groups of policemen, lawyers, probation officers and welfare workers.

The road, two miles north of the city centre, is a busy one. James was spotted here, being dragged along, but nobody thought the situation in any way extraordinary.

Merton Road ends after half a mile at a roundabout on the opposite side of which, at the start of Breeze Hill, is sited the AMEC construction company. Security cameras — seemingly Liverpool's only reliable witnesses — again recorded James being hauled along the street, his feet off the ground, by the two unknown juveniles. No one else noticed this, or if they did they did not think it strange.

At this point James had less than an hour to live.

Minutes later, a keen-eyed pensioner walking her dog across a grassed-over reservoir off Breeze Hill stopped the three and asked what was wrong with the little boy. James had bumps and bruises on either side of his head, she recalled later. "He was crying and screaming and I asked what the matter was." The boys said he had fallen over in the road and they were looking after him. The old lady walked on, worried chiefly that the child was frightened of her dog.

From Breeze Hill, the doomed boy was taken down County Road with its back-to-back terraces. His abductors even called into a flower shop to ask directions. They claimed they were taking James to Walton Lane police station but were not sure of the way. An assistant told them to cross the road and take the path through St Mary's churchyard. She could see that the two-year-old was distressed and the police station must have seemed the right destination.

Another woman helped them across the road. It was the last occasion on which James Bulger was seen alive — at least by anyone who has so far come forward to the police.

The juveniles were set on their final course: through the cemetery, past the Top House pub and its "warm, family atmosphere", past the Village Store and the video shop.

Here, the trail goes cold. Did the boys intend to leave their frightened victim outside the police station and escape into Walton? Did they panic and throw him down the embankment into the path of a speeding train? Nobody knows. Nobody saw a thing.

Why James's captors took him and why they wished to harm him can only be guessed at. As great a mystery is why the rest of us — not just Liverpudlians — allow such horrors to be committed in our midst and simply walk away, telling ourselves there is nothing wrong, that everything will be all right.



Above: a policeman questions a young mother in the Strand shopping centre

Arrest of boy, 12 'not heavy-handed'

THE chief constable of Merseyside yesterday replied to criticism of heavyhandedness in the arrest of a 12-year-old boy by police investigating the murder of James Bulger. The boy was later eliminated from the enquiry.

Bob Lancaster, a councillor, said at a police authority meeting that he was worried the boy would be stigmatised by the arrest. Several vehicles attended the scene in Kirkdale on Tuesday night amid mob anger.

Chief Constable Jim Sharples told the meeting they acted with due sensitivity. "From the outset there was ample justification for the arrest to be made and it was properly carried out in our view." He said as there was high emotion in the Bootle area police were aware that bringing anyone in for questioning would expose them to the attention of crowds.

"In fact we would make appeals for people to restrain their emotion to allow us to carry out the enquiry," he said. "There was no requirement for the several vehicles to arrest a 12-year-old but they were there because there was concern about safety of the individual, as well as the family and premises."

Mr Sharples said the police have received more than 2,000 calls needing action since last Friday. More than 400 statements have been taken.

LECTURE SERIES

The state of Britain

A SERIES of five Channel 4 lectures on the state of Britain are to be supported by *The Times*.

The first, a trenchant review of Britain in decline, entitled "The Recovery of Power", is by Alan Clark, the historian and former Tory minister, and is broadcast at 8pm on Sunday.

The other speakers will be Sir James Goldsmith, appearing on British television for the first time in nearly 20 years, whose subject is the new economics; Professor Brian Cox on British education; Linda Colley, the distinguished historian now at Yale, on the monarchy, the church and the constitution; and Andrew Sullivan, editor of *The New Republic*, the American political magazine, on class.

Substantial extracts from each of the lectures, which will be broadcast on Channel 4 at 8pm on the next five Sunday evenings, will be published in *The Times* the following day.

The series will conclude with a public meeting, organised by Channel 4 in association with *The Times*, at which the issues raised by the five speakers will be debated. The debate will be broadcast as the concluding part of the Opinions series.

Details of the speakers and of how to book tickets will be published in *The Times*

Policeman in critical condition after brick is hurled through windscreen

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A POLICEMAN was on a life-support machine last night after a brick was thrown through the windscreen of his car while he was chasing joyriders.

PC John Robinson, 37, of Northumbria police, was struck on the forehead in the attack, in west Sunderland, Tyne and Wear. Colleagues say that prompt action by his partner, who drove straight to the nearest hospital, probably saved his life. He was transferred to Newcastle General Hospital, where he was reported to be in a critical condition. His wife was at his bedside.

Another police vehicle involved in the pursuit was later rammed by the stolen car, injuring the two officers inside. Although police are not yet linking the two attacks, a senior officer said last night that a "disturbing pattern" was emerging as the number of such incidents rose.

PC Robinson, who has been with the traffic division for six years, is the second officer in the North East to be injured this month by missiles thrown at police vehicles chasing cars taken by joyriders. Two weeks ago a constable with the neighbouring Cleveland police force was knocked unconscious by a stone. Senior officers said later that his car had been led into an ambush by the joyriders.

In the latest incident, which took place on Wednesday night, PC Robinson was the observer in a car patrolling on the A183 in west Sunderland. It was called to assist another police vehicle pursuing a high-performance car that had been stolen earlier in Harrogate, North Yorkshire. As they drove through the Chester Road area, an unseen pedestrian hurled the brick into the car.

Chief Supt Bob Bensley, head of Northumbria's traffic department, said that the brick "penetrated the windscreen like a bullet". As PC Robinson collapsed in his seat, covered in blood, PC Michael Mohon, drove him to Sunderland General Hospital, three miles away.

"All being well, PC Mohon may have saved his colleague's life," Mr Bensley said. "But PC Robinson is in a life-threatening situation, and this is potentially a murder enquiry." He said that attacks on officers chasing joyriders had reached "epidemic" proportions in the North East. "There have been numerous serious incidents during the past two years. There is a pattern and it is disturbing."

Det Chief Inspector John Stoddart, who is leading the search for the brick-thrower, said: "It was a callous, premeditated attack on a police officer who was acting in the public interest. Whoever did this had total disregard for the safety of a very good police officer."

Two of the four occupants of the stolen car, aged 19 and 22, were arrested after it rammed the other pursuing police car. A policeman had to be cut free from the wreck and was treated for shock and whiplash injuries. His partner, Sergeant Jane Hind, who also suffered from whiplash, chased the occupants and was helped by people living on a nearby housing estate to arrest the two men.



Robinson: struck on the forehead



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Clinton degree angers Thatcher supporters

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION REPORTER

PRESIDENT Clinton was today proposed for Oxford University's highest honour, barely four weeks after entering the White House.

Critics contrasted the university's eagerness to exalt its most powerful son, a former Rhodes Scholar, with the treatment of its most famous woman graduate, Baroness Thatcher. She was prime minister for more than five years before being put forward for a lesser honorary degree and suffered a snub when dons voted down the proposal.

Bill Clinton will receive the degree of doctor of civil law by diploma, an award given only to heads of state and royalty, at a ceremony in Oxford. The Congregation, the dons' parliament, is expected to agree the honour on March 9.

The university said: "The object of the award is to cement the university's very long-standing relationship with the United States, largely through the Rhodes Scholars, who have been coming to Oxford since the first world war."

Harry Greenway, Tory MP for Ealing North, urged the Congregation to throw out yesterday's proposal. He collected more than 80 Conservative signatures to a Commons motion condemning the university's treatment of Lady Thatcher in 1985. "The dons exercised their judgment mistakenly last time and they should make amends," he said.

"It is almost insolent after the way Mrs Thatcher was treated. The university is not waiting to see how Mr Clinton does in office."

Clinton's fight, page 10

Five years for pair in death race

TWO teenagers who killed a cyclist in a high-speed race in stolen cars were sentenced yesterday to five years in a young offenders' institution.

Last night, the cyclist's widow condemned the sentence as inadequate. Elizabeth Robins, whose husband, Michael, 53, was knocked down as he cycled home from work on March 30 last year, said: "I am absolutely disgusted ... Until someone gives them a good hard sentence they are going to get away with it over and over again."

Andrew Tremeth, 17, of Iver, Buckinghamshire, and Simon Deacon, 19, of Hayes, west London, drove at 80mph in a 30mph zone in Iver, Reading Crown Court was told.

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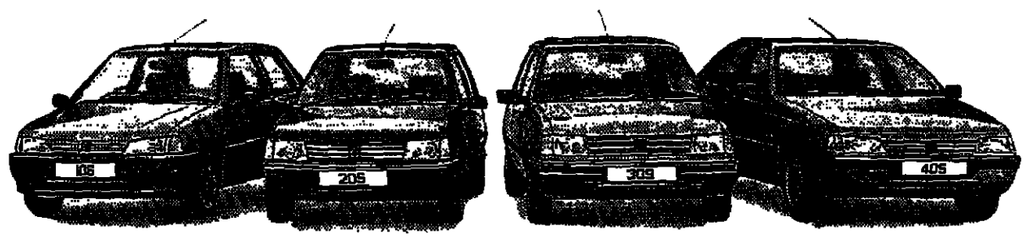
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Horror novel sales to woo teenagers angers teachers

BY ALISON ROBERTS
ARTS REPORTER

■ The decline in reading among children has inspired interesting remedies. Not all of them are greeted with enthusiasm

A SUGGESTION that book sellers should stock more teenage horror novels to encourage older children to read was greeted with anger by education experts yesterday.

Esther Horwood, books manager for W. H. Smith, told a conference in London: "Amongst older teenagers, all forms of reading appear to be in significant decline. Within this, reading of books is down a massive 18 per cent We have carried out research among children to discover what sorts of book they like as opposed to ones they are supposed to like."

Mrs Horwood concluded that "there is no point in restricting our range to 'good' books, worthy as that may be —we should sell Point Horror as well." Point Horror is a new American genre of teenage fiction loosely described as "high school meets Stephen King". Ghost stories and "stalk" stories are designed to "send shivers down the spine". a W. H .Smith spokesman said.

Educationalists warned against stocking more teenage horror. Nick Seaton, chairman of the Campaign for Real Education, said that shops such as W. H .Smith should be selective in what they sold to children and teenagers.

"The big chains have considerable influence on popular culture," he said. "I would say that they should set an example and some of these horror books may have a detrimental effect on young people. These books should certainly not be given the space that 'good' books used to have."

Anne Barnes, general secretary of the National Association for the Teaching of English, said that any form of literature was good if it encouraged children to read. But to sell teenage horror at the expense of more traditional literature was a "short-sighted policy".

The Reading Reform Foundation said that horror stories would provide the wrong motivation to read. "There is enough horror in the world anyway," the foundation's secretary, Mona McNee, said.

Mrs Horwood, adding to her remarks, said that competition from television, magazines and videos was beginning to tell. Children could be encouraged to read by marketing linked to videos and films.

"Film and TV tie-ins are a way of taking advantage of other leisure pursuits, as indeed are video-book and tape-book packages, as well as audio-books themselves," she said.

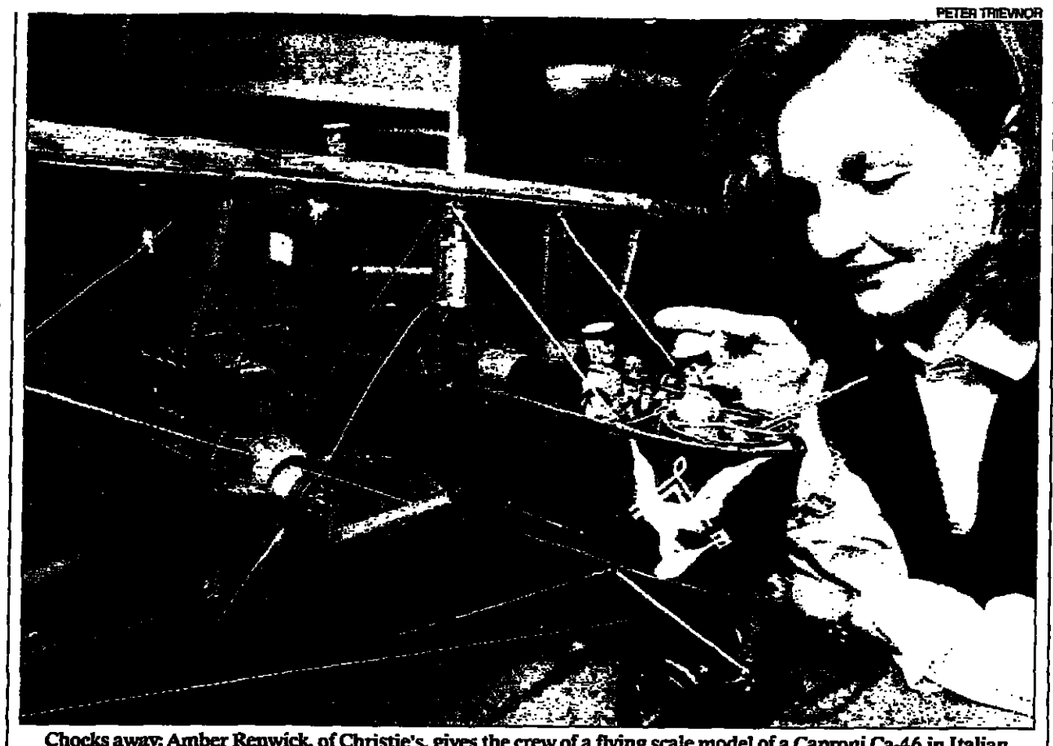
A four-year survey of book buying habits, published by Book Marketing to coincide with the conference "Books and the consumer", shows that the number of reading adults has decreased slightly. In 1989 71 per cent of adults spent an average of 7.8 hours a week with a book. In 1992 68 per cent spent 7.4 hours. About half the adult population was reading for pleasure at any one time.

The number of adults buying books for themselves or others has remained constant at about 80 per cent, although in 1992 the average number of books each person bought fell. The researchers interviewed 1,800 people from 1989 to 1992.

Results show a gradual decline in the number of people who think paperback books are good value and the report concludes that paperbacks are losing their advantage over hardbacks.

The market for reference books has increased while that for fiction has declined slightly, from 33 per cent of the adult population buying a work of fiction in 1989 to 31 per cent in 1992. The most popular reference books are national road atlases, street guides and English and foreign language dictionaries.

PETER TREVINOR



Chocks away: Amber Renwick, of Christie's, gives the crew of a flying scale model of a Caproni Ca-46 in Italian Air Force colours a once-over before its sale for £2,200 in London yesterday. Its estimate was £1,700 to £1,900

Jeweller shot pair of 'armed robbers'

A JEWELLER shot two masked, armed robbers who had entered his remote house, a jury was told yesterday.

The jeweller, Malcolm Hammond, had a sawn-off shotgun put against his head and was made to open his safe, the jury was told. He and his pregnant wife, Elizabeth, were tied up and hooded while the raiders searched their home, at Rushden, near Baldock, Hertfordshire.

However, Mr Hammond, 44, freed himself, Luton Crown Court was told. Using his Smith and Wesson .38 hand gun, he shot the two men, Alan Mainds, for the prosecution, said. One bullet had gone through the neck of Vincent Manson, who was still too ill to be tried.

The other man, who cannot be named for legal reasons, also received serious injuries.

Police arrested the wounded robbers, the court was told. A third man, Douglas Bacon, 48, was arrested in a car that had been parked near by.

Mr Bacon, of Northampton, denies the £49,000 robbery in May last year. He also denies having a firearm with intent to commit an indictable offence and having a firearm when prohibited.

The court was told that Mr Hammond had bought his house from Colin Grummitt, who had been in jail with Mr Manson. Mr Manson had learnt from Mr Grummitt that jewellery was kept in the house, Mr Mainds said. Mr Manson had recruited the second man and Douglas Bacon, who lived in the same block of bedsits.

Mr Hammond refused to give details of the shooting, saying: "I don't want to go on for fear of recrimination. I was arrested for attempted murder."

Mr Mainds said that Mr Hammond was not facing a charge of attempted murder, but was to be tried for firearms offences.

The case continues today.

Paediatrician was bewildered by death of baby left in nurse's care

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A CONSULTANT paediatrician yesterday told the jury in a murder trial that he could not understand his difficulty in restarting the heart of a baby boy who had been left in the care of nurse Beverley Allitt.

Dr Charith Nanayakkara told Nottingham Crown Court that he had been called in the early hours after Liam Taylor, aged seven weeks, suffered a cardiac arrest. Although the infant had severe pneumonia, the doctor said he had noticed a slight improvement in his condition the previous evening. When he saw him at Grantham and Kesteven general hospital a few hours later he appeared to be "virtually dead".

Miss Allitt, 24, a former nurse, of Corby Glen, Lincolnshire, denies murdering Liam and three other children in her care in 1991. She also denies attempting to murder nine children in the hospital, a 73-year-old woman in her care at an old people's home, and her flatmate's 15-year-old brother. She denies 11 alternative charges of causing grievous bodily harm with intent.

Asked by John Goldring QC, for the prosecution, whether he was able to restart Liam's heart satisfactorily, Dr Nanayakkara replied: "It took me quite a long time and it really worried me a great deal. That was not the normal practice. In my experience, where a baby collapses and then you support it by resuscitation and oxygen under pressure, they do come round fairly quickly and show signs of life. In this instance it took me quite some time to get some signs of life."



Nanayakkara: gravely concerned by death

The court has been told that Liam suffered an acute respiratory arrest leading to brain damage. He died later the same day.

Dr Nanayakkara had diagnosed that Liam was suffering from blood poisoning and pneumonia, and under cross-examination he admitted that this was potentially life-threatening. He added: "At the time I said this [Liam's death] was not totally unexpected, but I started reflecting, and then had to wonder, 'Is this natural?' "

The doctor said that he wanted a specialist paediatric pathologist to carry out the post-mortem examination. He was "gravely concerned" by the death and could only hope that the post-mortem would show up an abnormality.

James Hunt QC, for the defence, suggested that a mistake by another member of the hospital's medical team in putting an oxygen tube into Liam's food pipe instead of his windpipe could have made his condition worse rather than better.

Dr Nanayakkara maintained that, because a baby's food passage and windpipe are very close together, even if oxygen were delivered into the child's stomach some of it would diffuse into the lungs. He agreed with Mr Justice Latham, however, that the baby would not have been getting the amount of oxygen it was intended to give him.

In a statement read to the court, Nurse Linda Vowles described her reaction when she learned that Liam had suffered a cardiac arrest. "I was, to put it mildly, astonished because there seemed to have been an improvement the previous evening. I have worked there for seven years and I have never known such a high instance of respiratory and cardiac arrests. I have never known anything like it in 21 years of nursing."

The trial continues today.

Pear-shape women are most fertile

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

PEAR-SHAPED women are the most fertile, a Dutch study has found. Those whose hips are significantly wider than their waists are twice as likely to become pregnant as the apple-shaped, whose waists are nearly as wide or wider than their hips.

The finding, published in this week's *British Medical Journal*, is based on a survey of 500 women attending an infertility clinic. They were there for artificial insemination because their partner was infertile, so there was no reason to suppose that they were not typical of women in general.

Dr Boukje Zaadstra, of the Institute of Preventive Health Care in Leiden, and colleagues weighed and measured the women after getting their approval to take part in the study. They found, as others have, that women who are thin or fat are less likely to become pregnant, but the important variable was the distribution of fat, not its amount.

Those who were most fertile had waist measurements less than 70 per cent of their hip measurements. The least fertile were those whose waists were more than 85 per cent of their hip size. In the first group, 63 per cent were pregnant within a year, twice the proportion in the second group. Those in between the two extremes succeeded in becoming pregnant in proportion to their waist-to-hip ratio.

The Dutch team offers no explanation for the finding, nor does there seem to be much that apple-shaped women can do to help themselves. Slimming, though it may reduce the absolute waist and hip measurements, does not alter the ratio dramatically.

Builder warned of faulty security at riot trial court

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE were last night still hunting for five men involved in the Strangeways prison riot trial who fled from court cells in Manchester on Wednesday. The prisoners, including a man serving life for stabbing someone to death, escaped after going to the lavatory during the trial at Manchester Crown Court.

They clambered into the space above the ceiling in the cell toilets before emerging into a public area. The men entered Court 2, next to the first-floor courtroom where they have been on trial for four months, facing charges arising out of the worst prison riot in British penal history.

"They emerged into the dock and scrambled over the judge's bench and out through the judge's rooms at the back," an official at Manchester Crown Court said. "Then they returned to the ground floor and got out of the building through a fire door."

As a prison governor was putting the finishing touches to a Home Office enquiry into the escape, a Labour MP said that he had alerted the authorities to the design defect that had allowed the men to flee. Bob Litherland, Labour MP for Manchester Central, said he had warned the authorities about security worries over the court's detention centre when it was being built. A building worker had told him of concern about security.

Derek Lewis, the recently appointed director-general of the prison service, ordered Tony Fitzpatrick, the governor of Leeds prison, to produce an urgent report into what he described as "a very serious escape". Mr Fitzpatrick's preliminary findings will be delivered to the Home Office today.

Among those on the run last night was Alan Lord, 31, who was serving life for killing a father of three, David Gilbert, in 1981, and Mark Azzopardi, 23.

Both men have escaped before during the trial. Two months after the riot Lord escaped while being held in police cells in Bolton. He was recapturued a few days later in Liverpool in an operation involving nore than 60 police officers. Azzopardi fled from a prison minibus in December 1992. The three other escapers were named by the Home Office as Barry Morton, 23, John Murray, 24, and Anthony Bush, 27.

The escape is the first security lapse to face Mr Lewis since he took over as head of the prison service last month. He said yesterday: "It would be wrong to anticipate the conclusions of the enquiry but I do want to assure the public that this matter is a cause of great concern to the prison service and that all aspects of the escape, including the role played by prison staff, will be very carefully examined."

Yesterday the four-month trial continued without the missing men. Judge Michael Sachs, who started his summing up earlier in the week, told the jury that five of the defendants had escaped.

"I tell you, not for the first time, that the fact that they have done so in no way at all affects the evidence of what went on at Manchester prison between April 1 and April 25 1990," he said. The jury in the trial, in which 12 men are accused of conspiracy to riot and conspiracy to injure police during the Strangeways riot, is expected to be sent out early next week.

Bigamist sailor gets two years

PAUL Harvey, a naval policeman on *HMS Ark Royal* with 22 years service who admitted bigamy, was yesterday jailed for two years and expelled from the Royal Navy, a sentence which will cost him £80,000 pension.

Commander Bernard Davis, judge advocate at the court martial at Portsmouth, told Harvey, 44: "The court has reached the decision that the offences committed were so serious that a custodial sentence is the only option."

As the sentence was read out, Harvey's real wife, Sandra, 43, looked horrified and Mrs Carol Rice, a widow whom he married in New Zealand, collapsed in tears.

She said later: "I am very relieved that the stresses and strains of this trial are now over. I am very happy to be publicly vindicated but I feel sympathy for Mrs Harvey, and even for Paul."

Lieutenant Commander John Flanagan, for the defence, said that Harvey planned to appeal against the severity of the sentence. He would also appeal against conviction on charges of deception.

Rare map plates reach journey's end

BY ALISON ROBERTS
ARTS REPORTER

MICHAEL POWELL



History lesson: a print taken from the lost plate

A LONG-LOST engraving plate of an historically important map of North America has been discovered in the basement of a museum. The find has excited scholars because it completes a set of 81 plates that form a unique record of the American Indian culture.

The 150-year-old copper plate shows the route taken by the German anthropologist and botanist Prince Maximilian on his epic journey into the American west between 1832 and 1834.

The engravings were taken from a series of watercolours by Karl Bodmer, the expedition's 24-year-old Swiss artist, and form the first accurate account of the Indians' ceremonies, dress and villages. They were the source of designs for Indian costumes in the Kevin Costner film *Dances with Wolves*. Francis Herbert, curator of maps at the Royal Geographical Society, said the map contained a wealth of ethnographic information. "Very few of the many copperplates of maps and charts produced by private publishers from the 17th to the 19th centuries survive.

"For the curious it will be seen that Bodmer includes longitude from both Washington and Greenwich along the top and bottom borders."

The plates were feared destroyed during the French revolution in 1848, but the engraver had hidden them under his bed. They eventually found their way to the Joslyn Art Museum in Nebraska, America, but one was mislabelled and remained unidentified in the museum's basement until now. No more than 100 prints were taken from the engraving, which is in pristine condition.

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Bishop wants 'life on Mars' soap opera sent back to Australia


Taylor: tells ordinands to watch *EastEnders*

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE doctrine of loving your neighbour does not extend to loving *Neighbours*, it emerged at the General Synod of the Church of England yesterday.

The Bishop of St Albans, the Right Rev John Taylor, criticised the soap opera *Neighbours*, comparing it to "life on Mars". The BBC should learn to make its own soap operas, but could do better than *Eldorado*, he said.

Singling out *Neighbours* as an example of programmes that the BBC could usefully drop, he said that the corporation should be forced to heed the views of licence payers.

In a clash across the debating chamber at Church House, Westminster, the Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Rev David Sheppard, insisted that *Neighbours* had an important place in the life of his 94-year-old aunt.

Bishop Taylor said: "The weakness of *Neighbours* is that it is bought from Australia. I would have thought the BBC has the talent to produce its own comparable soap opera, although I hope it does better than *Eldorado*."

Afterwards, Bishop Taylor praised the BBC's *EastEnders* because it addressed English cultural and social issues, and said that he advised all ordinands to watch it as part of their training. "If they do not watch *EastEnders*, they are not properly educated as clergymen. *Neighbours* is the Australian culture. It is rather like studying life on Mars."

Bishop Taylor said that the BBC should instead pursue quality in its own output, and withdraw from areas where it could not make an original contribution. He called for a representative body of viewers and listeners to whom the board of governors would report. Arguing that such a body would make the BBC more accountable to licence buyers, Bishop Taylor said that existing advisory councils lacked force because the BBC did not have to take their advice.

The corporation had ignored the Central Religious Advisory Committee's advice that the religious broadcasting department should not move to Manchester, he said. "The BBC does, unfortunately, often give the impression that it knows best."

The bishop called for "some external way of making the BBC accountable to the licence payers, and not just through the board of governors", and said: "Broadcasting is too important to leave to the broadcasters."

The debate came as synod officials prepare a response to a government green paper on the BBC's future. The synod yesterday backed the view that BBC income should continue to come from licence fees and welcomed the green paper's emphasis on the BBC's role as the main provider of public service broadcasting.

☐ Bishops in the Roman Catholic church will meet next week to discuss how disaffected Anglicans might go over to Rome following the general synod decision to ordain women priests. Today's *Catholic Herald* says that the bishops will discuss "preliminary terms of reference", the first step in admission of Anglicans to the Roman Catholic church. Formal proposals will be drafted by the Catholic bishops' conference of England and Wales after Easter.

Some Anglo-Catholics in the Church of England hope that the Catholic bishops will endorse the "Roman option", in which parishes would retain Anglican identity but under a Catholic bishop. The Vatican has the final decision.

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London zoo's £21m conservation plan wins Brooke assent

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY
AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

■ **A more secure future for the Regent's Park site has not ended a dispute over the proper role for the 166-year-old institution**

A £21.3 MILLION plan to turn London zoo into a conservation showpiece featuring one of the world's main centres for breeding African apes received the government's blessing yesterday. It is planned to continue the scientific study of endangered animals while still offering enough spectacle and entertainment to draw visitors.

Peter Brooke, the national heritage secretary, said the plan offered "a sound basis" for negotiations on the renewal of the zoo's 60-year lease on the 36 acres it occupies in Regent's Park. The lease runs out in June 1995. Eight months ago the zoo announced it was to close due to lack of support.

The re-development is scheduled to take place in eight phases and be completed by April 2001. The new-look zoo, which will make use of all existing buildings, will focus on breeding rare or threatened species for reintroduction to the wild. The aim is to raise the required funds from donations, commercial sponsorship and increased gate receipts.

The government went to the aid of the 166-year-old institution in 1988 with a one-off grant of £10 million, long since consumed, and has said there will be no more public money. In a letter yesterday to Sir John Chapple, president of the Zoological Society of London, Mr Brooke said the zoo appeared to have a secure future "based on a new and relevant vision".

Sir John said the strategy was "not just for survival but revival". But questions about the zoo's future remain. There is no agreement on whether to enter into a separate £35 million venture with David Laing, millionaire architect of the Laing construction family, to build a giant walk-through aquarium and a three-dimensional wildlife cinema.

Jo Gipps, the former curator of mammals who took over as the zoo's director last month, said the gorilla enclosure would be laid out on the Mappin Terraces, a grade II listed structure built in 1913-14 to resemble the mountain habitat of bears and goats, which has been unused for eight years. The café at the foot of the terraces would be redesigned to provide spectacular views of the animals.

One of the difficulties with the Laing consortium's project is that it would involve siting the new aquarium on the disused bear pits at the bottom of the terraces and could not be combined with the gorilla enclosure. Some scientists among the zoological society's 2,000 fellows object to the concept of the aquarium, which spectators would pass through in a transparent tube for a close-up view of sharks and an artificial coral reef.

Colin Tudge, a member of the zoo's board who last year led a successful *putsch* against David Jones, the zoo's former director, said: "This seems to me an anachronism — old-style 19th century zoo showmanship with a 20th century technological gloss. Keeping a shark in a huge tank for people to look at and waiting for it to die is the opposite of conservation." But Peter Wrangham, the zoo's treasurer, said similar aquariums in other parts of the world were "a huge draw".

Dr Gipps said the zoo planned to spend just under £3 million in the first phase of the re-development, starting later this year. This will include the creation of a Madagascar Centre for lemurs and other rare animals from that country and other Indian Ocean islands in the Lubetkin Round House, built for gorillas in the 1930s; remodelling the existing aquarium; and revamping the children's zoo.

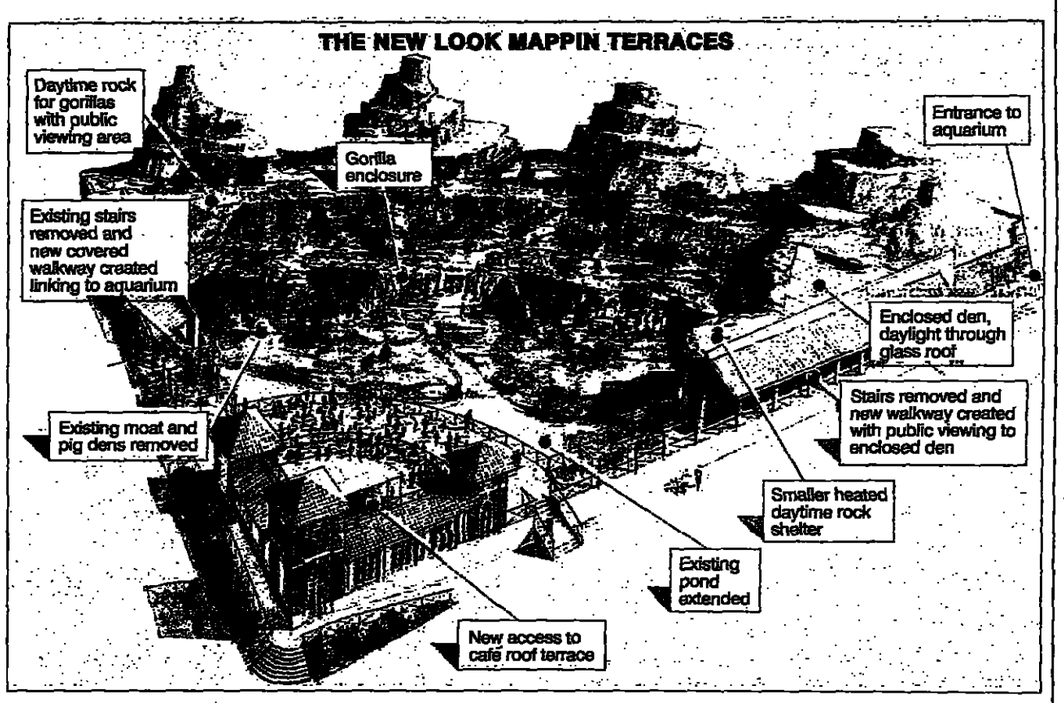
The zoo made a small surplus in 1992-3 for the first time in 15 years and hopes to break even next year. Sir John announced that two anonymous donors, one a retired London businessman, had this week promised sums of £250,000 and £1 million, the latter for the children's zoo. Last December the Emir of Kuwait donated £1 million and £300,000 has been raised by the Save Our Zoo appeal.

Later stages of the development plan envisage a primate conservation centre, for rare species such as the golden lion tamarin and Sulawesi crested macaque; a Carnivore Conservation Centre, focusing on Asiatic lions and Sumatran tigers, which are threatened in the wild; and a "world class" centre for the conservation of rare insects and other invertebrates such as the wart-biter cricket, which is almost extinct in England.

☐ Kuwait zoo yesterday reopened its gates for the first time since the Gulf war, when occupying Iraqi troops ate many of its animals and shot others for target practice, including more than 40 monkeys.

Only 5 per cent of the animals survived the war. Among them was Dalal, an Indian elephant who was at the re-opening ceremony with an Iraqi-inflicted bullet wound, treated by a British vet, still visible on her right shoulder.


JOHN MANNING
Saving more than whales: Jo Gipps of London zoo, whose plans include revamping the Mappin Terraces (below)



NEWS IN BRIEF

Tour firm head made death pact

An entrepreneur killed himself in a suicide pact with his wife after a string of financial failures, an inquest was told yesterday. The most recent disaster for Bruce Peters, 56, had been the collapse of a tour company he ran with Sir Fred Pontin, offering trips to EuroDisney near Paris.

Mr Peters, of Linton, Cambridgeshire, gassed himself, his wife, Priscilla, and their dog in their car at Hadstock airfield in Essex. They were found by a passer-by.

Malcolm Weir, coroner at Waltham Abbey, Essex, was told that Mr Peters had been depressed for about four years and that the collapse of the tour company, with debts of £1.5 million, had been the last straw. Mr Weir recorded verdicts of suicide.

Sprinter's brother freed

The brother of the Olympic sprint champion Linford Christie was cleared by Knightsbridge Crown Court, central London, of burglary and theft. After five months in prison on remand, he claimed that he had been victimised "because I have got a black, rich brother".

Russell Christie, 30, of Shepherd's Bush, west London, was accused of burgling a neighbour's flat and stealing camera equipment and a mobile telephone. He said that he had walked into the house and taken the goods because he was owed money.

Advert appeal

The mental health charity Mencap has urged people to complain to the Advertising Standards Authority over a billboard advertisement for BBC Radio 4 which reads: "If your IQ is lower than our frequency then we're not 4 you. Radio 4 — 93.5FM." The BBC has apologised to Mencap, but the charity wants an official reprimand.

Nurse jailed

A night nurse who "systematically fleeced" an elderly widow of more than £23,000 was jailed for 15 months by Knightsbridge Crown Court. Fania Vazeou, of Acton, west London, forged the signature of Lily Ullmann, 94, of St John's Wood, north London, on a series of stolen cheques.

Train damage

David Whitley, 18, a student, of Marston, Oxford, was remanded on bail and banned from trains by Oxford magistrates after being charged with causing £20,000 damage to five carriages.

Mine to reopen

Geevor tin mine near Land's End, Cornwall, which closed three years ago with the loss of 120 jobs, could reopen as a heritage centre this summer after redevelopment by the county council.

Beadle claim

Sean Leivers, 27, of Sneinton, Nottingham, was bound over to keep the peace after trying to tug off the beard of a policeman whom he accused of being the television presenter Jeremy Beadle.

Attack charge

Scott Smith, 21, of Auchinleck, Strathclyde, was remanded in custody by Ayr Sheriff Court, charged with the attempted murder of PC John Jobson on Wednesday.

Station ban

British Rail has banned late-night train spotters from Rugby railway station, Warwickshire, after a spate of thefts and vandalism.

Cat legacy

Katrina Deeley, of Cowley, Oxford, who died in November aged 39, has left nearly £135,000 to the RSPCA to be spent on her two cats.

Churchmen wrestle with moral issue

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A TOPLESS female mud wrestling show on tour in Scotland has incurred the wrath of clergy who have declared it morally unsuitable and threatened to decry the spectacle from the pulpit.

The Rev. Donald Inglis and the Rev. David Butters, Church of Scotland ministers in Turriff, Grampian, and the Rev Robert Haines, of the town's Episcopalian church, told Helen Macintyre, the show's promoter, that they wanted the show cancelled.

Ms Macintyre and Patrick Kelly, the manager of the Union Hotel in Turriff which is staging the show on Saturday, met the ministers, who threatened to call for a boycott of the show on the grounds that it would corrupt morals. Mr Kelly said that when he countered with a threat to host a series of more raunchy acts if they did so, the ministers backed down.

Ms Macintyre said that the show comprises three topless women, a masked man and a dwarf who wrestle each other in foam rather than mud, which is deemed "too messy". Members of the audience can participate if they wish.

Ms Macintyre said she had invited the ministers to watch the act but they had declined. "I can't understand how they can criticise something so strongly when they haven't even seen it," she said. "They came to the meeting with closed minds. It is just a bit of fun to lighten people's lives."

Despite the ministers' disapproval, tickets for the show are selling well.

MPs fear lottery tax will cut income for charities

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

NORMAN Lamont faced intense cross-party pressure yesterday to cut tax on the national lottery to less than 10 per cent. Backbenchers united in demanding that taxation of the lottery's income should not jeopardise the amount set aside for causes such as arts, charities and sport.

Tory MPs initiated a move aimed at deterring the Treasury from imposing taxes of up to 20 per cent on the lottery, which is expected to raise £1.5 billion in its first year. MPs from all main parties called for a minimum of 35 per cent to be set aside for sport, the arts, charities, heritage projects and the millennium fund.

The heritage department and Treasury are believed to be discussing a taxation level of about 15 per cent. The Treasury insists that it has already moved a long way from the 37.5 per cent levied on pools companies.

Government research suggests that about half the lottery income must be set aside for prize-money and 8 per cent is likely to be taken up in administrative costs.

The calls for protection of more than a third of lottery money were the nearest that MPs could come to pressing for single-figure taxation, as a bill cannot specify tax levels. MPs are alarmed that a large Treasury share of the income will reduce to a fifth the proportion left for schemes the lottery is designed to support.

Yesterday's cross-party pressure in the Commons standing committee considering the bill will strengthen the hand of Peter Brooke, the national heritage secretary, in his discussions with the Treasury. MPs say that public perception that the Treasury is taking too large a slice will deter people from buying tickets.

Although the amendment calling for 35 per cent to be set as a minimum was withdrawn, MPs were confident last night that their message would be heeded by the Chancellor. Richard Tracey, the former Tory sports minister who proposed the amendment, said: "It is important that we don't strangle the lottery at birth."

David Alton, Liberal Democrat MP, said that the lottery would be seen as a "cloak and dagger exercise of raising money for the Exchequer" if less than a third of resources were set aside. Tom Pendry, a Labour heritage spokesman, said that anything less than 35 per cent would be "an indefensible outrage".

The way it is n't

CRAIG BROWN



FOR a long time, I have recognised a high level of irritability in myself. I am irritated by most dogs, Simon Bates, other people's noise, gherkins in beefburgers, looking for things, the way air hostesses line up to be thanked at the end of flights, the novels of Melvyn Bragg, porridge sticking to saucepans, people who complain about their bad backs, my own bad back and my need to complain about it, Peter Sissons, the bearded spokesman from the anti-smoking pressure group ASH, anything to do with Lord Young or Lord King, people who whisper reverentially in restaurants, *The Archers*, pipe-smokers re-lighting their pipes with great puff-puff-puffs every few seconds, people who say "Long time no see", Robert Kilroy Silk, people who claim proudly never to watch television, the way my Volvo goes beep-beep-beep if I don't put my safety-belt on, and the word "arguably" in book reviews.

So what does my wife mean when she claims that I, too, can be irritating, particularly when playing tennis? She says she dislikes my constant supply of advice, including: "You forgot to follow through ... Keep your eye on the ball ... You seem to have lost your nerve" and "I'm afraid you've lost your magic." And she disapproves of my generosity in repeating the score time and time again, particularly when I am winning. For some reason, she dislikes my jocular way of sending balls back by aiming them at her feet and yelling "Dance!" and the way I twist my racket jauntily just as she is serving. Why can't she realise that someone so irritable could not possibly be irritating?

Rare find of tropical seabird

BY IAN MURRAY

ORNITHOLOGISTS were excited yesterday by the discovery of a dead red-billed tropicbird washed up on the Suffolk coast. The graceful white seabird, which has a 2ft tail, breeds on tropical islands and has only once been recorded so far north.


Washed up: the dead tropicbird

"I am stunned, to be honest," Chris Habard of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said after the find at Landguard Point, near Felixstowe. "This is a very exciting record indeed."

The bird's body has been sent to Ipswich Museum, where its stomach contents will be examined to try to determine its movements.

The birds' nearest breeding ground is the Cape Verde Islands, off West Africa, from which they occasionally stray north as far as the Azores and the Canaries. There are colonies in the Indian Ocean and Caribbean.

The only other recording so far north was a bird on the Dutch coast in 1985.

Mackay to face court on transcript tenders

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, is to face accusations in the High Court of unlawful and unfair practices over tendering of contracts for court transcript services.

A judge yesterday gave the go-ahead for the unprecedented test case over the legality of the way Lord Mackay's department handled the tendering for contracts to cover crown courts from April. The case, to be heard next month, will be the first time that Lord Mackay, head of the judiciary and responsible for the courts system, has been taken to court. In 1986 Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, then Lord Chancellor, was taken to court by the legal profession over the level of legal aid fees.

Yesterday's case stems from the anger of several long-established firms over the loss of contracts to cover proceedings at the High Court, appeal courts and crown courts throughout the country and the way the tendering was carried out. One of the firms, Hibbit & Sanders, of Wadhurst, East Sussex, lost transcript contracts for a group of crown courts including Chelmsford, Southend, Ipswich, Cambridge, Bury St Edmunds, Norwich, St Albans and Luton.

David Pannick QC, for the firm, told Mr Justice Brooke that Hibbit & Sanders was one of the oldest firms of shorthand writers in the country and had provided services since 1907 at the Chelmsford group of courts. "Their complaint is that the Lord Chancellor has acted in an unfair and unreasonable manner in his conduct of the competitive tendering exercise for allocation of the contract for three years commencing April 1 this year," he said.

"We say the application itself raises issues of general interest. The allocation of the contract at Chelmsford is one example of many similar complaints made by unsuccessful tenderers throughout the country. If we are right, the action of the Lord Chancellor would be unlawful."

Mr Pannick said the Lord Chancellor had given some firms competing for the tenders the opportunity to lower prices to win the contract, but this had not been extended to Hibbit & Sanders.

The judge said it appeared it was an appropriate case to grant leave for judicial review. The Lord Chancellor's department said it had no comment to make beyond confirming that the case had gone to judicial review.


Lord Mackay: first court challenge

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Right to know bill reaches Commons as newspaper wins 'victory for press freedom'

Lords reject council's attempt to sue for libel

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE media won an important battle to extend freedom of the press yesterday when the Law Lords ruled that local councils and government departments cannot sue for libel.

Five Law Lords unanimously agreed that it was against the public interest for local authorities and Whitehall departments to have the right to sue for libel to protect their governing reputations. They blocked an attempt by Derbyshire County Council to sue *The Sunday Times* for libel over stories published in 1981 that criticised share dealings by the council's pension fund.

Andrew Neil, editor of *The Sunday Times*, hailed the decision as an important victory for press freedom. He said that if the courts had ruled that public bodies could sue for libel, there would have been an enormous extension of shackling the press which would have been even more dangerous than the current libel laws.

It was important that the five Law Lords had ruled that the freedom of expression was protected by common law, Mr Neil said. The paper had not had to look to the European Convention on Human Rights, where article 10 guarantees freedom of expression, for protection.

Some lawyers said last night that the ruling showed that the English courts were paying increasing attention to article 10. David Hooper, a senior partner with Biddle and Co, said: "What the House of Lords has done is to take a robust view of the right to freedom of expression. They have decided that there really is no pressing need for a local authority to have the right to sue for defamation."

Until yesterday's definitive ruling there had been differing legal opinion on whether local councils could sue for libel. It was said that their position was similar to companies which can take action for damages to their trading reputations if they likely to be affected financially.

Others said that if local authorities could sue, their access to large financial resources would make people and local newspapers nervous of criticising them.

Giving his judgment, Lord Keith of Kinkel said there was no public interest in giving departments and councils the right to sue for libel. "It is contrary to the public interest because to admit such actions would place an undesirable fetter on freedom of the press."

The judges said that it was of the highest importance that a democratically elected governmental body or any government body should be open to public criticism. Any threat of civil action for defamation as a result of criticism must inevitably have an inhibiting effect on freedom of speech, said the Law Lords in upholding arguments by Times Newspapers that local authorities cannot sue for libel to protect their reputations in relation to the performance of their duties.

Lord Keith said that the "chilling effect" induced by the threat of libel actions was very important as quite often the facts justifying a defamatory publication were known to be true but admissible evidence capable of proving the matter was not available.

It was difficult to argue that a local authority had any reputation of its own as its public standing was likely to be linked with the controlling political party and, with a change in the party in power, the reputation itself would alter, the judgment said.

An article attacking the activities of a council would necessarily be an attack on the body of councillors which represents the controlling party, or on the executives who carry on the day-to-day management of its affairs, but if the reputation of any of these had been individually defamed they could themselves bring action for libel. The judgment added that controlling groups on local authorities could defend themselves through debate in the council chamber.

Lord Keith of Kinkel, sitting with Lord Griffiths, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Woolf dismissed an appeal by Derbyshire County Council against the Court of Appeal ruling that it was not entitled to go ahead with its libel action over articles in *The Sunday Times*. The stories centred on allegations of investment deals involving the council's pension fund and involving David Bookbinder, the authority's leader, and a businessman, Owen Oyston.

The High Court had ruled that the council was entiled to sue for libel in its own right, but that was overturned on an appeal by Times Newspapers, Mr Neil, the editor, and reporters Rosemary Collins and Peter Hounam. If the case had proceed it would have been only the third recorded case in English legal history in which a local authority had sued for libel.

The Association of County Councils, which represents all county councils in England and Wales except for Derbyshire, said it acknowledged the judgment. Clive Grenyer, under secretary with the association, added: "It remains necessary that local authorities are able to take some form of action where they are the subject of deliberate, deceitful and malicious falsehoods".

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Open door: Mark Fisher introducing a freedom of information bill in Parliament

MP begins battle to lift cloak of official secrecy

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

A LONG-AWAITED private member's bill designed to blow away Whitehall's accumulated cobwebs of secrecy and provide individuals with a statutory "right to know" will be debated by MPs today.

The freedom of information bill, sponsored by Mark Fisher, the Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent Central, has support from across the political spectrum and is widely expected to win sufficient votes to go to committee stage.

Under the bill's provisions, anyone would have a right to information held by Whitehall departments, local authorities, nationalised industries and executive agencies. Each authority would be required to publish an index listing the kinds of data it holds. Information could be withheld only if its release would cause "significant damage" to defence, international relations, the economy or the lawful activities of the security services. Information about health and safety or environmental hazards could not be withheld, and any attempt to destroy information would be a criminal offence.

The bill has been drafted by Maurice Frankel, the director of the Campaign for Freedom of Information, which is funded by the Consumers Association. It is yet another assault on what Richard Crossman once denounced as the British disease — an obsessive culture of secrecy which seeks to draw a cloak over as much official information as possible.

Examples of excessive secrecy are legion. The British Telecom tower in central London cannot be found on ordinance survey maps because its location is an official secret. But it is the government's refusal to release information which can have a direct impact on the consumer which has become a source of irritation.

Ministers refuse to disclose, for example, the scientific advice they receive on the cancer risk of certain chemicals in food, consumer products and the environment. Tests by the transport department's vehicle certification agency on brakes and exhaust emissions are kept secret.

In 1988-9, the transport department attempted to mislead Parliament by reporting that road-building cost overruns had been reduced by 15 per cent, when they had actually increased by some 28 per cent. More recently, ministers sought to prevent the disclosure of covert changes of policy in the abortive Matrix Churchill trial over arms-related exports to Iraq.

Admittedly, the government has taken some steps towards overhauling its attitude towards secrecy. The 1989 Official Secrets Act repealed the infamous all-embracing section two of the 1911 Official Secrets Act, and replaced it with a much narrower definition of the national interest.

John Major has given William Waldegrave, the public service minister, the task of identifying those areas where secrecy is excessive, reviewing the statutory restrictions on the disclosure of information, and assessing the scope for greater access to personal records without jeopardising personal privacy. Mr Waldegrave intends to publish a white paper on "open government" in the spring.

Mr Waldegrave is expected to dismiss the Fisher bill on the grounds that it would lead to heavy expense, complicated bureaucracy, and much involvement of lawyers. He will also insist that a "voluntary openness policy" will be less cumbersome and more effective as it would avoid the danger of driving ministerial policymaking underground.

The onus will be on Mr Waldegrave to counter Mr Frankel's claim that secrecy is invariably used to "protect decision makers from challenge, to defend policies from criticism, and to conceal that mistakes have been made". Unless put on a statutory footing, the right to know will be left to the discretion of those in power.

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THE ROAD TO OPENNESS

1911: Official Secrets Act: Section 2 made the unauthorised disclosure of information on any subject an offence.
1972: Franks report calls for Section 2 to be replaced with narrower definition of official secrets.
1978: Clement Freud's freedom of information bill falls when general election is called.
1981: Frank Hooley's freedom of information bill opposed by government, and is defeated at second reading.
1984: David Steel's freedom of information bill, under the 10-minute rule procedure, allows brief debate on the subject but no opportunity for legislation.
1984: Sarah Tisdall, a young Foreign Office clerk, is prosecuted under Section 2 for leaking information about the arrival of cruise missiles in Britain.
1985: Clive Ponting, a senior ministry of defence official, acquitted for leaking information on the sinking of the Belgrano.
1988: Richard Shepherd's bill reforming Section 2 of the 1911 act defeated by the government.
1989: Government introduces legislation reforming Section 2 of the 1911 Official Secrets Act.
1992: Archy Kirkwood's freedom of information bill fails to get second reading.

Campaigners face a long wait

BY MATTHEW D'ANCONA

WHETHER or not Mark Fisher's bill reaches the committee stage in today's vote, freedom of information campaigners know from observing the passage of anti-secrecy legislation in other countries that patience is all.

Canada's ten-year-old law took 17 years to enact, while Australia's parliament did not pass its freedom of information act until 1982, a decade after Gough Whitlam, the Labor prime minister, set up an enquiry. British campaigners, still struggling to force a clear statement of intent from William Waldegrave, the public service minister, probably face an even longer haul.

The Australian act, most often cited as a model for British reform, requires disclosure of information concerning government agencies, and enables citizens to make specific requests for records, ranging from paper documents, photographs and holograms to maps, plans and computerised records. The act requires that inaccurate personal records be amended.

Numerous categories of information are protected, including records that affect national security, cabinet documents and information which would violate personal privacy or endanger public safety. Most decisions by ministers and officials to withhold information are subject to review by the federal ombudsman or a tribunal. Less than 5 per cent of requests for information are refused.



Waldegrave: looking for "excessive secrecy"

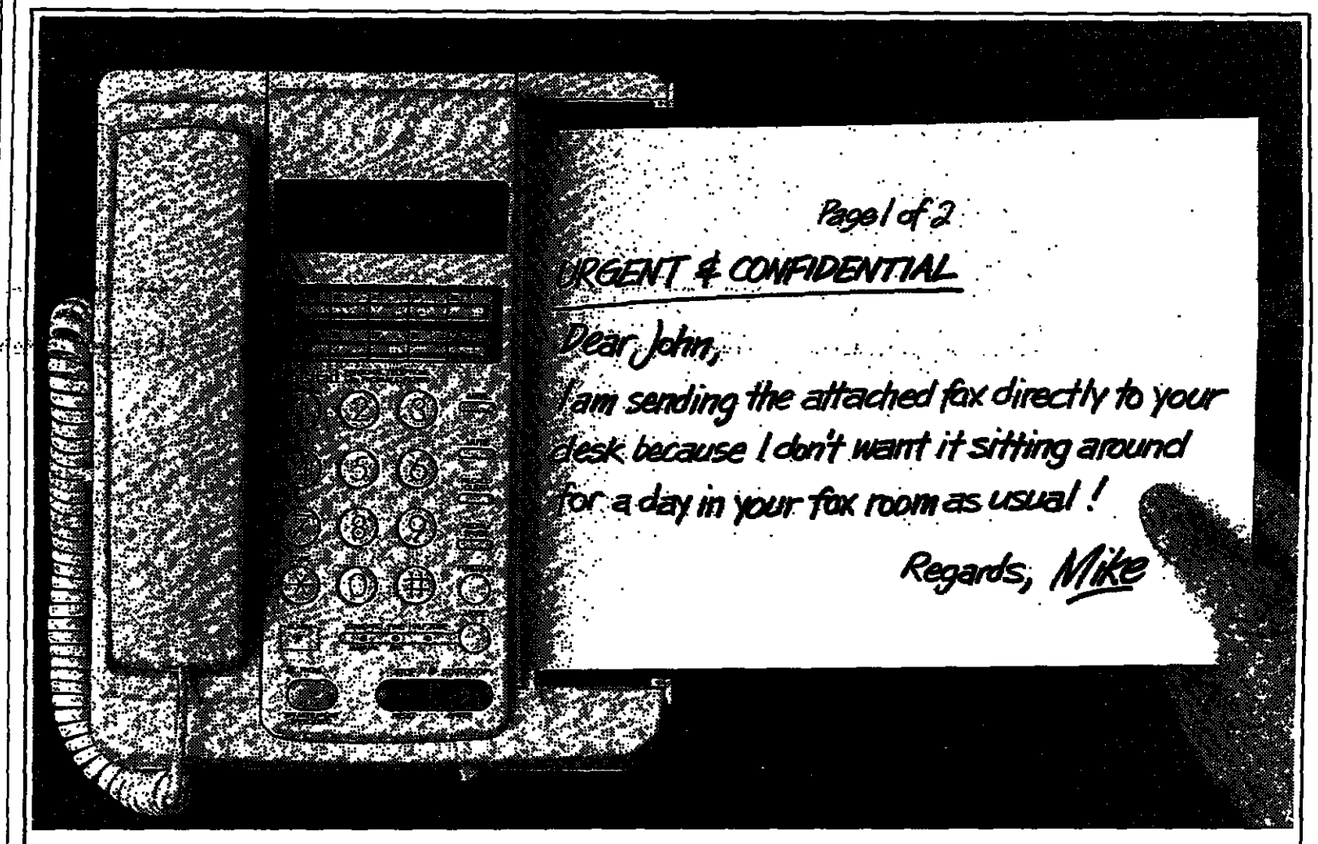
Disclosures in 1986 saved the Australian army £266 million, which would have been wasted on an unsuitable site. A survey of government agencies in the same year suggested the general belief that the act had improved communication and understanding, and improved the quality of decision-making.

Justice Michael Kirby, president of the New South Wales Court of Appeal, said at a London conference last week that the Australian experiment had been a success. "It is now generally accepted that ... the worst prognostications of disaster have proven unfounded." However, he said that the definition of exempted information categories was tending to grow. Eccentrically, school councils in Victoria had gained exemption from disclosure. More worryingly, a 1988 judgment implied that any document before the cabinet should remain secret — an incentive to officials to stamp "For cabinet" on memoranda.

British MPs will also be keen to assess the potential cost of freedom of information legislation. Each request costs the Australian taxpayer about £100, little of which is recouped from the consumer. Its total cost in 1990-1 was £4.7 million, compared to £11.5 million in Canada.

The Canadian government expected 70,000 enquiries a year but has only received that number in total. On the other hand, one in nine of those who file an application go on to complain about the quality of information. More than 50 per cent of requests are from businesses.

John Grace, Canada's information commissioner, denied last week that anti-secrecy legislation had simply discouraged officials from putting secrets in writing. "Not writing things down is simply not a practical option," he said.



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French left wing orphaned by its own despairing leaders


Bérégovoy: loan was the final straw

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

BY proclaiming the death of his own Socialist Party a month before parliamentary elections, Michel Rocard has tried to clear the way for another of those phoenix-like rebirths that the French left has managed since the early days of the century.

The question this time is whether anything can be saved from a cathedral that has been deserted by its congregation and its archbishop and has demolished itself. M Rocard was only stating out loud what figures in the Mitterrand administration have been conceding privately: the party that M Mitterrand revived in 1971 and turned into France's biggest political movement, is now effectively dead. "The Parti Socialiste was buried on a misty evening on 17 February at Montlouis-sur-Loire in the outer suburbs of Tours," *Le Monde* said.

In the five years since their last election, the Socialists have managed to squander the good will they enjoyed from the people of the left,as the party called its natural constituency of workers, small wage-earners, civil servants and members of the intellectual professions.

Most resented by the party's long-time supporters has not been its abandonment of its ideology so much as the way it has let itself be seduced by the luxuries of power. Twelve years of Socialist rule, tempered only by a two-year interlude under a conservative parliament, have left France with a gilded socialist elite out of touch with the hardships of unemployment and recession.

The intellectual class that for most of this century had felt a natural affinity with the left, now finds itself orphaned without a cause other than campaigning for Bosnia and attacking the socialist hand that so generously fed it. Paris has been flocking over the past week to the latest of these attacks, *The Tree, the Mayor and the Mediatheque*, a scathing comedy about an out-of-touch Socialist mayor, directed by Eric Rohmer.

Many critics see the perfect metaphor for the corrupted ideals of the party in the pharaonic monuments, such as the Bastille Opera and the Louvre pyramid, which the Socialists have erected around Paris. Worse for some have been the billions of francs spent on the "glorification of vulgarity" in the name of popular culture.

The final straw has been the revelation that Pierre Bérégovoy, the prime minister and the socialist grandee with the spotless reputation, had accepted a big loan in shady circumstances from an insider trader. "The Socialists had at least one sincere ambition, to put money and power in their place. But we now ask ourselves whether it is not the reverse that has happened," *Libération* said.

Until the collapse of Marxism and the discrediting of left-wing ideology, socialism had enjoyed a special respectability in French political and intellectual life ever since the founding of the first party by Jean Jaurès in 1905. It had emerged as a social-democratic party after the the split with communism under Léon Blum in 1920 and it governed as the Popular Front in the mid-1930s.

It was reborn after the second world war under Guy Mollet and was the main party of government in the troubled Fourth Republic, from 1944 to 1951 and from 1956 to 1958, when Charles de Gaulle took over. The upheaval of May 1968, a quarter of a century ago, gave a new lease of life to left-wing ideals and enabled M Mitterrand, a convert from the centre-right, to rally various factions as *le Parti Socialiste*.

The PS took as its symbol the rose clutched in a fist, a logo copied by the European movement. France then had three forces: a hard Communist Party, the utopian, semi-Marxist Socialist Party and a right wing that drew on the traditions of de Gaulle and the bureaucratic state.

M Mitterrand and his party coasted to power on a tide of optimism in 1981, at a time when left-wing parties were discredited abroad and America, Britain and Germany had come under conservative government. M Mitterrand's first move was to kill the Communist Party as a force by incorporating it in his government.

The first Socialist administration reversed course after a year and committed itself to a rigorous economic policy that has worked well, but led to high unemployment and social malaise. From that moment onwards, the rhetoric of the party leaders and militants was out of step with the reality of its social democratic behaviour and gradually M Mitterrand himself has abandoned his party to its own devices.

M Rocard, who himself hailed from a more moderate branch of the socialist family, now wants to rescue the healthier remnants of the party and rally a grand coalition of "social-minded" politicians from the centre, including the ecologists who have turned into the darlings of this year's campaign. The strategy has become conventional wisdom among the chattering classes, but nobody expected one of the party's own leaders to stage the break before the catharsis of the expected rout in next month's election.

Rocard calls on Socialists to make way for new force

■ With a eye on the presidency, Michel Rocard is calling for a realignment of the left. Rival parties seem not to be impressed

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

THE French Socialist Party, braced for a rout in next month's elections, was reeling yesterday from a new body blow: a call from Michel Rocard, a senior figure, for it to disband and make way for a new political force.

In a speech that he depicted as a turning point in French political history, M Rocard, a former prime minister and the anointed Socialist candidate for the next presidential election, said the party created by François Mitterrand in 1971 had been left behind by history and had destroyed itself.

"With the same courage as our predecessors, I invite you to break (with the past), to accomplish a rebirth," he said. As Laurent Fabius, the party leader looked on with a pained expression, M Rocard called for a "big bang" that would open the way to building a movement encompassing centrists, ecologists and reformers from the left, including the Communist Party.

M Rocard's speech, in a suburb of Tours, was greeted in the media as the death sentence for the government party as it struggles to gain more than 20 per cent of the vote. In an attempt to shore up the party's fortunes, M Mitterrand was appearing for 45 minutes on television last night and will do so again tonight in a question-and-answer session.

The latest poll indicated that 453 of mainland France's 555 seats would go to the right-wing alliance, with the Socialists winning only 80. *Libération*, the left-wing newspaper which became a national force with the Socialist rise to power in 1981, said M Rocard's words amounted to a "funeral speech". M Fabius, whose own tribulations in the HIV blood scandal have contributed to the Socialists' misfortunes, said it was not up to M Rocard to decide the party's future. "I do not confuse the necessary renovation with a collective harakiri," he said.

M Rocard's overture produced little enthusiasm from the objects of his courtship. "It is not our intention to participate in a renewal of the Socialist Party or of the left." Antoine Waechter, head of the Greens, one of the two main ecology movements that are doing well in the polls, said. Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, leader of the centre-right UDF, mocked as absurd the idea of a party that would include his supporters and former communists.

Socialist officials accused M Rocard of abandoning the party for selfish motives. An old rival of M Mitterrand and hailing from the moderate wing of the party, M Rocard had already distanced himself from the parliamentary campaign in preparation for presenting himself in the presidential elections due by May 1995. Other potential candidates from the left, notably Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, and Bernard Kouchner, the health and humanitarian action minister, have begun campaigning for the centre-left. M Rocard was in danger of being left behind.

Last night, Dr Kouchner and M Delors welcomed M Rocard's speech. Pierre Bérégovoy, the prime minister, said he agreed with his analysis, but urged him to try to solve them from within.


Body blow: Laurent Fabius, left, and Michel Rocard in Tours yesterday after M Rocard's call for the dissolution of the French Socialist Party

Magistrates arrest Craxi's secretary

FROM PHILIP WILLAN IN ROME

MAGISTRATES investigating political corruption have warned Gianni De Michelis, once deputy leader of the Socialist party, that he is under investigation for alleged misuse of foreign aid, and have arrested the personal secretary of Bettino Craxi, who was Socialist party secretary until a week ago.

The arrest on Wednesday of Vincenza Tomaselli, Signor Craxi's secretary for the past 30 years, came as a further affront to the former Italian prime minister. Signora Tomaselli has been charged with complicity in corruption after a close Craxi associate, the architect Silvano Larini, told magistrates he had personally delivered bribes worth up to £4 million to Signor Craxi's luxurious Milan office.

Signor Craxi, who received his seventh official notification that he was under investigation, denounced what he said were the "unfounded and arbitrary accusations" against him and said Milan magistrates had repeatedly broken the law in their enquiry. Signor De Michelis, who has already been investigated, was served two further notices that he was the subject of an enquiry, this time for the alleged misuse of Third World development aid when he was foreign minister.

Several businessmen have told magistrates that they were obliged to pay illegal kickbacks to political parties in order to tender for development projects financed by the foreign ministry. Magistrates are looking in particular at aid projects to Somalia, Bangladesh and Albania.

The embattled four-party coalition of Giuliano Amato, the prime minister, yesterday appeared prepared to struggle on alone after opposition parties rebuffed overtures from the Christian Democrats to join an expanded coalition.

Yeltsin angles for a truce in struggle with Khasbulatov

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin has called for a truce in his power struggle with Ruslan Khasbulatov, the Russian parliamentary speaker, in order to prevent economic reforms running aground this year, a close aide said yesterday.

Sergei Shakrai, the deputy prime minister, said that Mr Yeltsin, who agreed to prepare a compromise in the feud between the legislature and executive by the end of the month, would not agree to any redistribution of powers between himself and Mr Khasbulatov but was suggesting a period of "mutual restraint".

Under the plan both parties would agree to refrain from trying to change the balance of power or amending the constitution, allowing the government to pursue reform in a stable climate. Mr Yeltsin wants the agreement to be approved by the Congress of People's Deputies and the Constitutional Court.

"The parliament would stop interfering in the routine activities of the government, while the government would consult parliament on any changes to the government," Mr Shakrai said. "If the president violated the agreement he would face impeachment; if parliament violated it it would be dissolved. He is prepared to put his own future at stake to save the government's reforms."

Mr Shakrai's comments elucidate what Mr Yeltsin thinks he can gain from the compromise, which apparently signals a gain for his parliamentary opponents. He intends to stop parliament meddling in policy-making at the price of ceding to the legislature more control over cabinet changes. The deal is unlikely to work well in practice and could easily end up as a game of lawyers trying to prove that the other side is acting unconstitutionally.

Mr Khasbulatov denied yesterday that he was trying to topple Mr Yeltsin. "I regard myself as one of the people close to him," he told Finland's *Helsingin Sanomat*. "There is no power struggle between us."

It is unlikely that Mr Yeltsin, whose authority has been weakened by the struggle for control of policy, agrees, especially as his opponent said on Wednesday that Russia was slipping into anti-communist dictatorship.

☐ **Armenian advance:** Fierce battles raged in Nagorno-Karabakh yesterday after Armenian forces made gains in the north of the disputed Caucasian territory. Armenian fighters captured five villages on Wednesday, giving them control of the main road between Mardakert, the principal town of northern Karabakh, and Azerbaijan. An Azeribaijani spokesman said the Armenians had captured only two villages. *(Reuter)*

Rostock struggles to shake off racist image

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN ROSTOCK

BLACKENED woodwork has been repainted, firebombed flats refurbished, the muddy wasteland in front of the high-rise block long since cleared of the debris left by the rioting neo-Nazis. But Rostock is still trying to heal the wounds of last year's race riots that almost brought down the local government and left this bankrupt port in former East Germany with an ugly reputation for skinhead violence and police tolerance of racism.

Today the government of Mecklenburg-West Pomerania swears in its third interior minister within a year, this time a western import from Rhineland-Palatinate who, the ruling Christian Democrats hope, will bring calm, conciliation and much needed political experience to Germany's poorest new state. He takes over as not only Rostock but also all Germany is making a huge effort to stamp out extremism, make foreigners welcome and repair the image of a united country seared by the firebombs of a tiny minority.

Most of the Vietnamese have now gone from the hostel that was besieged for five days in the working-class district of Lichtenberg. Posters have gone up all over the city saying "Foreigners are welcome here". Local people have gone out of their way to reassure students from the Third World that nobody intends them any harm.

Since last August, however, most foreigners — not only asylum seekers — in Rostock have been wary. "I don't go out much at night now, and then only with a group of friends," said Hussam, a Palestinian physiotherapy student. "I bought a cheap Trabant so that I don't have to go on the trams and buses and worry about people looking at me."

Immediately after the riots he and many Third World students were evacuated briefly until passions cooled. "He sought asylum with me in Schwerin," joked Ammar, a fellow Palestinian completing his studies as a dental technician in the state capital, 40 miles away.

Both arrived in what was then East Germany during its final communist days in 1989 before the fall of the Berlin Wall. Despite the extraordinary material changes and the avalanche of goods into the shops, the atmosphere for them was better in the old days.

They felt safe, ideologically welcome and, furnished with dollars, relatively rich. "There's more crime now: all Germans freely admit that. And everything now is determined by money," Ammar said.

They and other Palestinians, mostly from Syria, are quick to recognise that some of the resentment is understandable. Students from "progressive" countries were officially favoured by the communists. Any complaint against them was brushed away by police, scandals were hushed up and they enjoyed privileges, such as travel abroad, denied to German students.

Black market trading was rife. Some Libyans became notorious for using foreign currency to bribe teachers, win over local girls and even, to the fury of local people, to employ German women to tidy their student rooms for them.

"People are still talking about that now," Ammar said. "Unfortunately it's we who suffer for those things."

All the students brought in by the East German government had their grants and training continued after unification. Money does not stretch so far now: travel, food and daily necessities are much more expensive. The atmosphere, however, is more equal, and friendships more genuine despite the new anxieties over racism.

Berndt Seite, the prime minister of Mecklenburg-West Pomerania, rejected any suggestion of deep-seated hostility to foreigners in his state. "You have to look at where we came from. We have only just emerged from 40 years of communist dictatorship, and before them the Nazis," he said. "That moulded three generations. Now we are in a psychologically unstable situation, and in all walks of life people feel overburdened." He added: "Not only a system has changed; a whole country has disappeared."

He said what the west Germans had been able to achieve in 40 years since the Nazis had to be accomplished in the east in two. The psychological shift to democracy was a huge challenge and with it came problems that had been submerged before, especially a readiness to use force.

He said the Rostock riots had made clear to everyone in east and west how difficult the changes were. "It was a healing shock for the Germans. We now realise, after only two years, that democracy has to be defended."

☐ **Fribourg:** Two Algerian asylum seekers were injured, one seriously, when they were beaten and stabbed yesterday by two men on a motor cycle. *(AFP)*


Inflamed passions: the scene in Rostock in August when rioting neo-Nazis attacked immigrants

Bonn absorbs debt to sell off railways

BY MICHAEL BINYON

GERMANY'S railways, Western Europe's largest and the world's most debt-ridden rail system, are to be privatised by next year with debts of DM70 billion (£30.5 billion) written off by the government.

The new private railway, to be known as Deutsche Bahn, will finally bring together the still separate state systems of former East and West Germany. The decision, agreed by the cabinet on Wednesday, will lead to one of the largest and most expensive privatisation schemes ever attempted by a Western government. Unlike Britain, Germany is not proposing to split up the railway into individual leased lines, and the state will continue its large subsidies. Hundreds of miles of railway track may soon be axed from a system which has never suffered the radical cuts that Britain's did in the Beeching era in the 1960s.

The plans, entailing a change in the constitution, will have to be approved by the opposition Social Democrats, and they have already said they will not accept threats to loss-making lines. The central administration of the two nationalised systems, based in Frankfurt, welcomed the proposed changes.

Günther Krause, the transport minister, said the shares would remain in the hands of the government until 2002, when it would decide whether to retain ownership. By then privatisation would have saved DM100 billion, as investment decisions would be freed from bureaucratic control and employees would no longer enjoy the status of public employees, with attendant benefits and jobs for life.

One authority will administer railway property, utilise its land and be responsible for rail employees. A second authority will approve services and decide which trains will run on which lines. All services will be open to private competition, though how this will be administered is unclear.

The railways in eastern Germany will continue to need large capital investment, with the extension of the intercity network to the east, further electrification and the repair of antiquated stations and track.

Wiping clean the financial slate, Herr Krause said, would give the railways the chance to win more traffic while bringing back "financial reality". However, his plan to use receipts from autobahn charges to pay for the rail reorganisation has run into the furious opposition of German motorists, who complain that car users should not have to subsidise the railways.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Kiev balks at Start 1 approval

Kiev: A dispute between Russia and Ukraine is threatening ratification of the Start 1 nuclear reduction treaty (Robert Seely writes).

Kiev's negotiators said yesterday that the Kremlin had failed to offer "sufficient assurances" that Russia would refrain from force or the threat of force against Ukraine after it gives up its weapons. "There is no movement in talks and what is being officially presented by Russia is not acceptable," a Kiev negotiator said.

Ukraine, which has 176 multi-warhead SS-19 and SS-24 ballistic missiles, is the only one of the five signatories to Start 1 that has yet to vote on the treaty. Parliamentary approval by all five — America, Russia, Kazakhstan, Belorussia and Ukraine — is necessary before dismantling work can begin.

Swedes want to attack intruders

Stockholm: After years of fruitless submarine hunts, Sweden's military wants the authority to fire at intruders anywhere in national waters without warning.

The navy has had the right to shoot to kill in bays and archipelagos since 1988. The extension, which government officials indicated will be granted, will push the line to the boundary of the territoral waters, 12 nautical miles off the Swedish coast. *(AP)*

Aids charge

Paris: A woman in Metz faces charges that she knowingly infected her boyfriend with the Aids virus by failing to tell him she was HIV-positive. Lawyers said the prosecution would have to prove she meant to kill him. *(Reuter)*

Release refused

The Hague: A Dutch district court refused to free a wartime collaborator from prison pending the outcome of his request for a royal pardon. Jacob Luitjens, 73, handed over Jews and resistance workers to the Nazis. *(AP)*

Risky thefts

Budapest: Thefts of batteries used to power warning signals at railway crossings have doubled in Hungary after one much publicised case last week that caused 12 deaths when a train hit a packed school bus. *(Reuter)*

Miners strike

Warsaw: Polish coalminers began a one-day strike to put pressure on parliament not to adopt proposals that would lead to their paying higher taxes. A union spokesman claimed 28 pits had stopped work in Silesia. *(Reuter)*

Trains collide

Vienna: A driver and two guards were killed and 20 people injured when a goods train collided with a passenger express near a suburban Vienna station. It was the second railway accident in Austria in five days. *(AP)*

Nuclear scare

Sofia: Bulgaria, fearing oil spills from sanction-busting Yugoslav ships on the Danube might cause a fire, has tightened security around its Kozloduy nuclear power plant on the river banks. *(Reuter)*

New embassies

London: The Foreign Office announced that it will open three new embassies in the former Soviet Union and eastern Europe. They will be in Baku, capital of Azerbaijan; Tashkent in Uzbekistan, and Bratislava in Slovakia.

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Aid workers vie with troops for control of relief operation

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

THE United Nations operation in Bosnia-Herzegovina was in turmoil yesterday only hours after Sadako Ogata, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, suspended most aid deliveries in the country.

More than 150 lorries were left on the roads, their drivers unsure whether to continue. General Philippe Morillon, the UN military chief for Bosnia, criticised the decision and indirectly raised the question of who was in command.

"Without humanitarian aid, no one will survive in Sarajevo. Let us hope reason will prevail," he said.

The troops of the UN protection force are only in Bosnia to assist the UNHCR in distributing aid so confusion arose when UN officials said that convoys with their drivers, rather than than UNHCR drivers, would continue to roll. The confusion followed Mrs Ogata's announcement on Wednesday that because all three sides were using aid convoys as a political weapon most of them would be suspended. She added, however, that "we will continue to operate where we can".

If Mrs Ogata's will prevails and the suspension lasts more than a few days, the turmoil will deepen as it will mean that the 8,000 UN troops in Bosnia will be made redundant. Only a change in their mandate could then give them a new role. Senior officials indicated yesterday that this — effectively a takeover bid — was exactly what they were hoping for. General Morillon underlined the problem yesterday when he said: "If we cease humanitarian aid to Sarajevo, we have to evacuate the city. That's the only solution."

The confusion has served to publicise the long simmering tensions between UNHCR and UN protection forces, whose mandate is to assist and escort the convoys of the refugee agency. Senior officers predicted that the muddle brought on by Mrs Ogata's decision would lead to UNHCR's role being severely curtailed with the protection force taking over the aid operation.

The troops are keen to take over the whole operation because there are too many of them with too little to do. Since the Bosnian Serbs have prevented a Canadian battalion taking up position in northern Bosnia, some of these troops could be usefully employed getting aid through without what the soldiers regarded as the unwelcome civilian interference of UNHCR convoy leaders. If the officials have their way, the UNHCR will be reduced to gathering aid around the world and bringing it to central points from where the UN peacekeepers would take over distribution.

While many, including the Bosnian government, have reacted with horror to Mrs Ogata's announcement, the effect of her action will be far less drastic than many imagine. UN aid to Sarajevo was already suspended a week ago because of the decision by the local authorities not to distribute aid in the city in order to publicise the plight of Muslim enclaves in eastern Bosnia. The town of Tuzla has followed suit. UNHCR officials say that in view of this there is little point in having staff standing idle in areas where they are prevented from operating.

☐ **Moscow:** The Russian parliament yesterday called on the UN to reverse its policy on the former Yugoslavia (Anne McElvoy writes). It demanded that sanctions against Croatia be added to those imposed on Serbia or that all sanctions be lifted against Belgrade.

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Running for cover: a boy dodges Serb bullets in a Sarajevo suburb. President Izetbegovic has asked the UN to drop supplies by parachute to isolated areas

Woman in the News

Unassuming don shows her mettle

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

AFTER years in academe, Sadako Ogata retains a quiet professorial air that belies her steely determination.

A diplomat's daughter who spent part of her childhood in Britain and has postgraduate degrees from two American universities, Mrs Ogata, 64, a mother of two, has always enjoyed what she calls "the lucky role of pioneer". She was named in 1976 as Japan's first woman ambassador to the United Nations in New York. She served as Japan's representative on the UN Human Rights Commission and was the commission's special envoy in dealing with the hardline military government in Burma.

She also resumed her long academic career, acting as dean of foreign studies at Sophia University in Tokyo. Then, when the US blocked the appointment of an Indian as UN High Commissioner for Refugees amid charges of racism in December 1990, she became the first woman head of the £625 million-a-year UNHCR.

Moving to Geneva, Mrs Ogata left behind in Japan her son, a producer of avant-garde videos; a banker daughter; her husband Shinjuro, a vice-president of the Japan Development Bank; and her Shetland sheepdog, Christopher. Since assuming office she has faced one crisis after another, from the exodus of the Kurds after the Gulf war to the enormous displacement of people in the former Yugoslavia. In her first year, she visited 33 countries, her diminutive figure looking quite out of place clad in a flak-jacket in Sarajevo.

Until she announced the suspension of aid to Bosnia on Wednesday — without consulting either senior UN officials or the security council — Mrs Ogata consistently won plaudits from diplomats and colleagues. Unlike the other Japanese head of a UN agency, Hiroshi Nakajima, who recently won a bitter re-election campaign at the World Health Organisation, Mrs Ogata is perceived as an effective leader.

UN to pay for troops

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE United Nations is to start paying for the work of peacekeeping troops in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The move will save British taxpayers millions of pounds.

Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, had insisted at the London peace conference on the former Yugoslavia last year that European countries must pay if they wanted the UN to expand its peacekeeping operations in Bosnia. In a report, he said he now accepted that that was a bad idea.

Dr Boutros Ghali was stung by criticism from those developing countries he thought he was helping, which feared that industrialised powers might refuse to fund peacekeeping in the Third World. He also found that the UN was unable to keep full control over the British, French and Spanish contingents in Bosnia.

He outlined his reasons for his change of mind when the UN Security Council met to renew and revise the mandate of the UN protection force. "This seemed to me at the time an innovative arrangement which would facilitate the early deployment of the additional troops," he wrote, but said that after six months it was clear the arrangement caused operational and administrative difficulties and was no longer appropriate.

Factions play with famine

■ **Reports of cannibalism are adding to pressure for UN troops to shoot their way in with aid for starving Bosnians**

BY ROGER BOYES

Eastern Bosnia is producing a picture as dreadful as any war image by Goya. While many discount claims of cannibalism, it is plain that several Muslim communities are close to breaking point.

Aid workers say that many villages — cut off from relief deliveries for ten months — are baking bread from straw and that doctors are without the most basic medicines. Amputations are being carried out without anaesthetic.

These images are at variance, though, with assurances from Western politicians that the mild winter in Bosnia has averted any gross humanitarian disaster. There is some evidence to support this too. Rural communities in eastern Bosnia seem to have struggled through because villagers still have access to oats, bran and goat milk.

Either version of events in eastern Bosnia could be true. Since the region is sealed off so thoroughly by Bosnian Serb militias, rumour replaces hard facts.

The essential fact is that the Bosnian Serbs, unable to conquer certain townships such as Gorazde and Srebrenica by military force, have resorted to a kind of medieval siege. The tactic is to starve out Muslims from an area, along the Drina valley, allocated to them under the Owen-Vance plan.

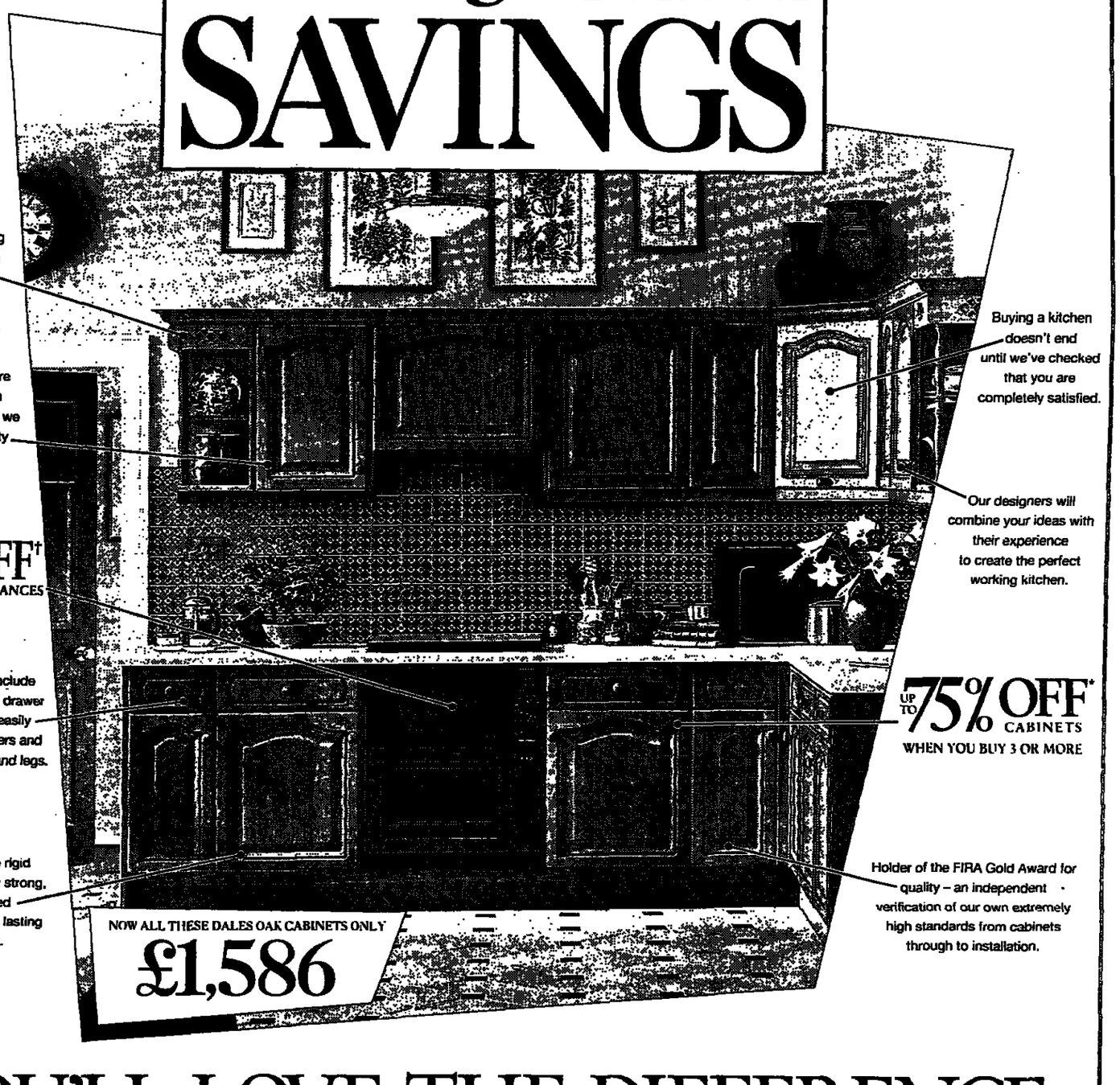
The Muslims, therefore, had made the feeding of eastern Bosnia their political priority. That is why they have taken the remarkable gamble of refusing to accept UN aid to Sarajevo. That may well have led some to exaggerate the miseries of their fellows.

The "politicisation" of aid is thus part of the wider struggle for advantage. For the Bosnian Serbs, power is in the hills and on the roads. To block a convoy demonstrates the frailty of the UN and the contempt they feel for the Owen-Vance map. The blend of gangsterism and bureaucracy at the many checkpoints of eastern Bosnia has attained a Kafka-like dimension. Nobody can travel more than a few miles without bumping into a barrier of officious, semi-literate soldiers. Each order, however absurd, has to be taken seriously.

The Bosnians, meanwhile, may be playing a political game of their own. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has built up an exemplary aid network in Bosnia and maintains a high profile. The United Nations Protection Force, especially the French contingent, is much less certain of its role. It is authorised to protect relief by "all necessary means". Should the troops shoot their way through to deliver aid? The utterances of General Phillipe Morillon, the French commander of UN troops in Bosnia, suggest that he is not quite sure. The Muslims may thus have decided to exploit these differences and to encourage the use of force.

All sides are trying to use aid as a lever. The besieged communities may be some way yet from cannibalism, but in this bloody Bosnian war it is still dog eat dog.

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Reagan leads attack on Democrat policy for tackling deficit

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

■ Bill Clinton's uncompromising fiscal and economic policies have provoked an intense debate. But it is not just his second term that the measures put at stake

INSTANT polls yesterday showed overwhelming public backing for President Clinton's drastic economic recovery plan, but Ronald Reagan launched a Republican counter-offensive against the package of huge tax rises and deep spending cuts that would consign "Reaganomics" to the history books.

Every top Democrat from Mr Clinton down flooded out into the country, on to breakfast television shows or up to Capitol Hill to boost public support in what Bob Michel, the Republican House leader, called "the biggest propaganda campaign in recent political history".

Republicans were every bit as vocal, denouncing what they claimed would be the biggest tax increases ever imposed on the American people and suggesting they would wreck America's fragile economic recovery. Mr Reagan, writing in *The New York Times*, said Mr Clinton, who unveiled his package on Wednesday night, had embraced "the failed liberal policies of the past". Robert Dole, the Senate minority leader, said the plan took only "symbolic nicks" at government spending. Most commentators agreed that Mr Clinton had taken a huge gamble by asking voters to swallow some of the strongest economic medicine ever offered to them in peacetime.

If Mr Clinton ultimately prevailed he could forge an entirely new Democratic coalition, but if he failed he would be likely to end up as a one-term president. Certainly the debate over America's future economic direction will be extraordinarily intense during the coming weeks. The AT&T telephone company reported 400,000 long-distance calls to Washington in one hour after Mr Clinton finished speaking.

Mr Clinton, who was campaigning in Missouri and Ohio last night, pulled no punches in a blunt, uncompromising hour-long address to Congress that set the tone for his presidency. His plan was essential to the "continued greatness of the United States", he said. "Unless we have the courage now to start building our future and stop borrowing from it ... we will be condemning our children and our children's children to a lesser life than we enjoyed."

Except from the Republicans, the first reactions were surprisingly positive. Two instant polls showed 79 and 74 per cent support for the president's proposals. Wall Street opened higher. Ross Perot, now America's self-styled apostle of fiscal rectitude, welcomed the plan as a good first step, as did Paul Tsongas, the "economic Paul Revere" who last year challenged Mr Clinton for the Democratic presidential nomination. Media opinion was also favourable, with *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times* and *USA Today* commending him for political courage and broadly supportive of his economic objectives.

The administration is likely to try to rush the plan through Congress as rapidly as possible to prevent opposition growing. Mr Clinton's other big objective is to keep the package in its entirety, as it is designed to spread pain evenly.

The Republicans have problems of their own. As yet, they have no coherent alternative to the Clinton plan, and the public is in no mood to tolerate obstruction for obstruction's sake. Mr Clinton exploited that in his address. "If we do right by this country, I do not care who gets the credit for it," he said.

One conspicuously silent Republican voice was that of former President Bush, ejected from office for his economic stewardship. He said in advance that he would not watch the speech.



Family support: Hillary Clinton, centre, beams down from the gallery with pride as she and political allies applaud her husband's speech

Austere Clinton berates profligate Congress

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

RONALD Reagan, in his State of the Union speeches, mesmerised Congress with his oratory. George Bush attempted flights of rhetoric, but was so over-coached that he generally crash-landed. Bill Clinton on Wednesday night spurned the talents of the speechwriters altogether.

Whereas his predecessors used fine words to divert and entertain, Mr Clinton doused 535 of his elders in an hour-long cold shower of economic truths.

The Democrats, after so many years of political exclusion, roared approval of their young new president at every opportunity (83 times, with a couple of dozen standing ovations the cameras caught Al Gore orchestrating). But Mr Clinton's harangue was directed as much at his own party as at the Republicans.

"For 20 years through administrations of both parties incomes have stalled and debt has exploded and productivity has not grown as it should," he admonished congressmen and senators. "We cannot deny the reality of our condition. We have got to play the hand we were dealt and play it as best we can."

Mr Clinton, a youthful 46, showed scant deference to the greyheads ranked before him. He was the angry representative of a new generation that feels its forebears have truly messed things up. He spoke not just of the desperate need for fiscal responsibility, but of how Washington had to work for ordinary Americans again and not for highly paid lobbyists.

"Believe me, they were cheering that section back at home," he advised a less-than-enthusiastic Congress.

This was not the new Clinton who astonished the world with a pithy inaugural speech of just 12 minutes. This was the old Clinton of last summer's Democratic convention: an intense, earnest policy "wonk" blitzing his audience with facts and figures. It was the longest State of the Union of recent times, devoid of levity, the revenge of the baby-boomers on their irresponsible forebears.

Unfortunately for Bob Michel, the House minority leader, he had taped the official Republican response in advance. He called the speech a "colourful ritual" and "thrilling spectacle".

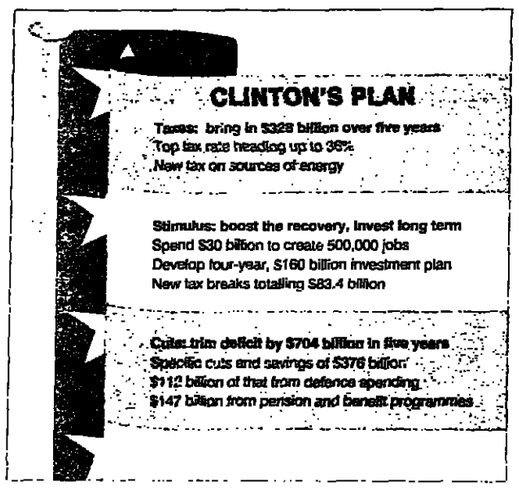
The only flash of humour came in Mr Clinton's opening words: "It's nice to have a fresh excuse for giving a long speech." There was just one colourful image — 12 years ago Mr Reagan had said that "if our national debt were stacked in thousand dollars bills, the stack would reach 67 miles into space. Well, today that stack would reach 267 miles". There was one rhetorical flourish: "We must scale the wall of the people's scepticism, not with our words but with our deeds."

For the rest, Mr Clinton was the stern teacher lecturing an errant class. In future, he declared, "we are going to have no sacred cows except the fundamental, abiding interest of the American people."

The congressmen, ever dependable, played their parts. The Democrats taunted the Republicans. The Republicans, sporting badges proclaiming "It's tax-and-spend. Again", sulkily hissed.

The television cameras roamed around the chamber. The fellow forty-somethings of Mr Clinton's cabinet could scarcely control their excitement. Hillary looked exuberantly down from the gallery. The president's mum beamed down at her boy.

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White House sees tax overhaul as the key

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton's address to Congress contained one of the largest overhauls of taxation and spending in American history, with tax rises affecting middle and higher income earners, but also a $170 billion (£118 billion) investment package over four years.

The principal problem of the US economy, as perceived by Mr Clinton, is a structural malaise caused by under-investment on a broad scale. The deficit is a symptom of and a contributor to this malaise.

The administration plans to cut the deficit from $335 billion this year to $206.5 billion in 1997. Leon Panetta, the budget director, said that the average American family could be better off as a result of the changes. The rise in taxes affecting a $60,000-a-year household would be $11 a month for higher energy costs and $5 to $6 for an increase in social security payments, he said. But this is more than compensated for through falls in interest rates, which amount to a saving of $60 a month for the same family.

Higher income earners will see a rise in the marginal tax rate from 31 per cent to 36 per cent and, for incomes above $250,000, to 40 per cent.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Patten is edged out of talks

Hong Kong: China and Britain manoeuvred yesterday for as-yet-unannounced talks on Hong Kong's electoral reforms that could decide the future of Chris Patten, the colony's governor, as well as the extent of its democracy (Jonathan Braude writes).

Sir Robin McLaren, the British ambassador to Peking, is expected to lead the talks with Tian Zengpei, the Chinese vice-foreign minister, to avoid having Mr Patten to speak for Hong Kong.

Although Peking continues to insist the talks must be between Britain and China, as the present and future sovereign powers, Mr Patten dismissed as a "ridiculous rumour" reports that the colony would be frozen out of the negotiations.

Role for Japan

Tokyo: Japan should be given a permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council and take part in more international peacekeeping, Boutros Boutros Ghali, UN secretary-general, said. *(Reuter)*

Activist freed

Peking: Li Guiren, a dissident Chinese editor, was released from jail a year early for medical treatment. Mr Li was the third activist jailed over the 1989 pro-democracy protests to be freed this week. *(Reuter)*

Weapons claim

Washington: US intelligence sources claim Libya is building a second chemical weapons factory, underground, disguised as part of a water project. The plant would augment the chemical weapons site at Rabta, 25 miles from the capital, Tripoli.

Aide gives up

Bogotá: Carlos Alzate Urquijo, 32, a top aide of Pablo Escobar, the Medellín cocaine cartel leader, has surrendered. He is the eighth cartel member to give up since Escobar escaped jail in July. *(Reuter)*

Long march

Peking: A wandering Chinese monk may have discovered America more than 1,000 years before Columbus, according to a book by Lian Yunshan, 67, a former editor of the communist *People's Daily*. *(Reuter)*

Hundreds feared dead as Haitian ferry sinks



Caribbean tragedy: Hundreds of ferry passengers were feared dead after an overloaded freighter, pictured here two years ago, sank in a storm off the coast of Haiti (David Adams writes from Miami). American Coast Guard cutters and planes joined in the search for survivors yesterday after a request for assistance from Haitian authorities. Rescue officials said the 150ft ferry, *Neptune*, was carrying about 820 passengers when it sank early on Wednesday, 60 miles from Port-au-Prince, during a regular overnight run between the capital and Jérémie, 180 miles away on the western peninsula of Haiti. About 100 survivors, including Benjamin Sinclair, the captain, swam to the coast at Petit-Goâve and the nearby island of La Gonâve. The captain told a Haitian radio station that the passengers panicked during the storm. Some reports said one of the upper decks may have collapsed. "We have heard reports of many lifeless bodies being washed ashore," said Joe Dye, a US Coast Guard spokesman. "Reports from Haiti indicate a massive loss of life."

ANC rejects power-sharing in new unity government

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

THE African National Congress agreed yesterday that a multi-party "government of national unity and reconstruction" could stay in power for up to five years. But the ANC denied this would mean power-sharing and rejected out of hand the governing National Party's concept of shared power in the new South Africa.

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If accepted it will mark the abandonment of one of the government's most firmly held articles of faith. President de Klerk made it clear during the campaign for the 1992 referendum that the government's aim was to negotiate a permanent power-sharing arrangement, which would continue into the foreseeable future. This has been repeated many times since then.

Yesterday, however, Mr Ramaphosa sounded its death knell. "We had to reject it and reject it quite vigorously," he said. "We said that if they insisted on it, then we would have a deadlock of major proportions."

Mr Ramaphosa claimed that the government has undertaken that "this matter will not be an obstacle to reaching a negotiated settlement. They will not seek to hold this ground," he said. However, he admitted that it was the National Party's democratic right to raise the issue at any bilateral or multi-lateral forum or in the assembly itself. He said that executive authority under a unity government would rest with the president.

A serious argument within the ranks of the ANC had been expected when the contents of the discussion between the negotiating teams became known at the end of last week. The hardliners, led by Harry Gwala, the Stalinist leader of the Natal Midlands region, came to a meeting of the movement's national executive committee in Soweto determined to reject any power-sharing deal, particularly one that would last five years or more.

But by a good deal of subtle argument the negotiating commission in which Joe Slovo, the veteran Communist leader, played a key role, persuaded the executive members that they had nothing to lose and everything to gain by accepting the deal.

Christopher starts peace mission

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

WARREN Christopher, the American Secretary of State, arrived here last night on the first leg of a six-nation, seven-day tour of the Middle East dubbed by a semi-official Cairo newspaper as mission impossible.

Although Mr Christopher, a veteran of the negotiations between Egypt and Israel in the 1970s, dampened expectations before leaving Washington on his first trip abroad, Western and Arab diplomats saw his talks as a last chance for reviving the flagging peace progress began in Madrid in 1991.

At the airport, Mr Christopher, who will meet President Mubarak of Egypt today, was blunt about his intentions. "We believe there are important opportunities here that should not be missed by the parties," he said. "We have come to the region ready to do our best, and we will be assessing whether the parties are ready to do theirs."



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How Zlata and Vojin escaped Sarajevo

Tim Morris, right, a London accountant, went to Sarajevo to bring Serbian relatives to Britain. This is his diary of his journey



TIM MORRIS



Family comes first: Dana Morris celebrates with her parents Vojin and Zlata after their rescue from Sarajevo. They are now settling in London

My wife is a Bosnian Serb, born in Sarajevo, which she left some 24 years ago at the age of 19. Her parents, Zlata and Vojin, were still living there when the war started, and although we encouraged them to leave, by that time it was too late. Between July and December last year we received one letter and had an indirect telephone conversation via a journalist. We contacted the United Nations, the International Red Cross and other agencies, in the hope of getting them out, but in vain. I decided to go to Split — maybe further — to see if I could arrange a way out for them. I bought a flak jacket, and filled a case with a few clothes, a sleeping bag, medicines and dehydrated foods, and gathered names of possible helpers in Zagreb, Split and Sarajevo.

Thursday, December 31, 1992: Left Heathrow for Zagreb on Croatian Airlines, with an onward flight to Split. On the flight I met a journalist, Mike, who suggested driving up to Kisaljak together on Saturday, from where it was a short journey into Sarajevo. I needed a UN journalist accreditation card. At Zagreb airport I telephoned a newspaper friend in London for help. I reached Split just short of the New Year. The hotel was jolly with people eating, drinking and dancing and at midnight fireworks erupted and what sounded like gunshots rang out.

Friday, January 1, 1993: The Hotel Split is a luxury hotel with a strange mix of European Community monitors, journalists and refugees. The EC mission produced a splendid map, which showed all the UN/EC/British Army routes, the front line between the Serb and Bosnian/Croat troops and areas of action. I found the British Forces Press Office at the airport, where I eventually got a UN pass and was transformed from an accountant into an accredited journalist.

Saturday, January 2: At the airport, Mike and I hired a four-wheel drive Lada and set off for Kisaljak. The press pass works — as does a large sign saying "TV" on the windscreen. Kids were sledging in the snow. "Sretan Bozic" (Happy Christmas) was written on big banners in Vitez and Kisaljak. We stayed at the media hotel in Kisaljak, some 20 miles from Sarajevo in a Croat-controlled area of Bosnia. It seemed like the centre of the world, with British, American and Irish reporters and satellite communications and television.

Sunday, January 3: I settled down to wait, with some coffee, pivo (beer) and my *Teach Yourself Serbo-Croat*, for the British convoy that was due to go into Sarajevo. I had learnt the language with this book some 15 years ago, but my ability was limited. The convoy was delayed but it was definite for tomorrow. We went out to dinner, through streets of lighted Christmas trees, to Mellon's Bar — packed with young people — Serbs, Croats and Muslims.

Tuesday, January 4: We drove, with a British driver, Jack, and his Serbian assistant, Drazen, into Sarajevo, without problems. I was dropped at the television centre and walked the three-quarters of a mile to the in-laws' apartment. My father-in-law Vojin answered the door and was amazed to see me — he looked frail and white. Zlata, my wife's mother, was upstairs, having coffee with neighbours, huddled around the wood stove. My in-laws' apartment is on the seventh floor and as the electricity has been cut, the only way up is to walk. The wood stove upstairs, which they share with two half Serb/half Croat families, is the only place to cook. There is little contact with the Muslim families who also live here. Excitedly they unpacked my tins of sardines and meat, dehydrated mountaineering meals, pasta and dried fruits. They had enough food, but it was all from the UN and limited in variety. Vojin was not well, with heavy bronchitis, asthma and swollen legs.

I spent the afternoon looking for Drazen, who I was sure could help with transport, leaving messages at the television centre, his home and the Holiday Inn. The long walk to the Holiday Inn was up the main road, but I was advised to use the parallel back road, through the passageways marked "*Pazi snajperi*" — beware of snipers. Everywhere the trees are being cut down. Men and women use hatchets and saws, pulling away their bounty on sledges and in wheelbarrows. Zlata and Vojin have no heating — it's minus 8-10C outside. We ate, a rice and meat dish. The guns were sporadic during the day, and some quite heavy — maybe a kilometre away. I'm wearing my flak jacket.

'Pigeon for dinner, trapped by Zlata on her balcony: she is an expert and supplies the three families who share a wood stove for cooking'

Tuesday, January 5: I set off to the Ambasada Djecija (Childrens Embassy) — perhaps they had a bus of blind children going to Kisaljak — come back tomorrow, I'm told. I try an array of others, the Bosnian Red Cross, Caritas, the Catholic relief organisation, confusion, no petrol, no cars, *nista* (nothing). A man was selling a sack of logs for 80DM (£32). Pigeon for dinner, trapped by Zlata on her balcony: she is an expert and supplies the three families.

Thursday, January 7: *Sretan Bozic* — the Orthodox Christmas — but it didn't stop the Serb guns. To the Ambasada Djecija to meet a driver who would take me to Kisaljak to meet Fatima at the government department which is organising a convoy of a car and six buses of ill and handicapped people. I heard plenty of bombs and guns, but did not see any attacks or snipers. The old market was full of shoppers but the sellers had very little — shoes, cigarettes, food from the humanitarian shipments. People were paying crazy prices. I went with Fatima, to the Post Office building, now being used by the UN, to help finalise the convoy with the Bosnian and Serbian Liaison Officers. Both said the convoy was OK, for Sunday and OK for us.



Fire drill: gathering fuel on the frozen streets of Sarajevo

Friday, January 8: Up at 7.25am and down with the four water cans. Twenty-five minutes' wait was not too bad, and then the heavy carrying home and up seven flights of darkened stairs. Since I have arrived I have hardly washed or changed clothes. I've shaved once in cold water. I called my wife, Dana, who said she had sent everything for the visas to Zagreb and now Vojin and Zlata have to go there in person. Back for lunch — what a celebration — potatoes! Then Zlata and I went over to see her brother Zeljo. Great surprise to see us — Zeljo, 25 kilos thinner. The brother of his wife Almasa had been killed on December 30, by a sniper. Zeljo had built himself a wood burning stove including an oven and they were eating "Pomoc (humanitarian)" corn mash with a little meat. Almasa cried, as did I. Zlata showed me her bread ration book. She and Vojin are entitled to half of a loaf per day, but there isn't bread each day — there were 15 days over Christmas when there was no bread. Their UNHCR food aid each month, per person, a tin of meat, a tin of fish, 1kg flour, ½kg sugar, 1kg rice, ½kg beans and ½ litre oil.

Saturday 9 Jan: Temperature outside 5C. Off to Ambasada Djecija where I was told that everything was OK for tomorrow. Yesterday evening the Bosnian vice-president was killed. He had visited a Turkish delegation at the airport and, on his return, the UNPROFOR vehicle was stopped by 40 Serbs and he was killed. A grave was being dug by the Alipasha mosque — he was buried that day at 11.30am.

Monday Jan 11: 7am start for water. I go everywhere, like most people, by foot. People hitch-hike but there are few cars still running — there is no petrol. Went into the Holiday Inn dining room and met several French journalists, who talked of getting to Ilidza, just outside Sarajevo in the Serb area and then out.

Tuesday Jan 12: Up early and at the Holiday Inn by 7.10am. Two French journalists said they would take me to Ilidza. Ilidza is better off than Sarajevo — people are not cutting down the trees, there is some food in the shops. Changed DM10 for "Serbian Republic of Bosnia & Herzegovina" notes (issued since the war) and bought bread, tins and matches to take back. Walked around Ilidza and established that there was a bus to Pale — ie a way out to Belgrade. Back to Sarajevo.

Wednesday Jan 13: Walked to PTT/UNPROFOR — saw the Serbian Liaison Officer who said it is easy to get to Ilidza, if you have the transport. Met another Frenchman — please could he help — yes as long as his organisation was not involved and he could go straight to the UN checkpoint — seemed sort of OK. Dobritvor turned up and said there was a convoy to Kisaljak tomorrow which we could join at Ilidza police station. To Ambasada Dejecija — great news, the convoy is going on Friday! Helped carry up Gerber baby tins. Met the Frenchman — yes he was still OK for tomorrow. Great relief, felt there were two arrangements, one for tomorrow and the Ambasada Djecija for Friday — should I wait for the later comfortable way on Friday? — no, chance of delay. Zlata and Vojin delighted. Zlata produced a full bottle of whisky! It was Serbian New Year — I went to bed at 11pm, but apparently at midnight the sky was full of fireworks and bangs.

Thursday Jan 14: Met the Frenchman and collected Vozin and Zlata and their five cases. Through the Bosnian Checkpoint, through the UN checkpoint, along the dangerous airport road and to Ilidza and the Serbian checkpoint — we were free! Vojin and Zlata were interrogated/debriefed at the police point. Why, I was asked, are the British newspapers so critical of the Serbs? Another car met us and we quickly drove to Kisaljak. At the bus and taxi station, we agreed a DM500 taxi to Split. We went to get permits to drive to Croatia, but they would not issue them to Serbians. Suddenly we realised the problems of driving to Croatia — Vojin was likely to get dragged out of the car and . . . It seems we took the wrong turn at Ilidza — we will have to try to go back and out to Belgrade.

Friday Jan 15: Awoke to the cockerel. Croat taxi driver arrived in Mercedes and we went into Kisaljak then decided to drive the 15km up to the frontier. There happened to be a Dutchman sitting there with his car. He was Eddy, and he was spending his time finding families for Yugoslavs who were living in Holland. He had found 38 and was now going to Sarajevo with a long list of families, looking for their relatives. He offered us a lift back to Ilidza and the police station. The president of Ilidza told us that we couldn't get to Pale today, we would have to stay at the Hotel Ilidza (free), and there would be transport in the morning. He brought in an interpreter called Snezana (Snow White) — a girl who spoke excellent English. Why do the British newspapers not write well about the Serbs? I asked then what they thought was the solution to Sarajevo — the answer was to be Serb. He drove us to the Hotel Ilidza — an A category hotel, which had been in the centre of the fighting in the summer. Two years ago Dana, the family and I had been there. Now it is broken down, we are the only "guests" — soldiers drifted around. Vojin sang a Chetnik song. We're in Serb country, so the Muslims are freely criticised — which I don't like.

Saturday Jan 16: A warming cup of rosehip tea. Transport arrived — an army truck. Three hours later we reached Pale. Got the noon bus to Belgrade. We arrived after nine hours — through snowy but sunny Alpine countryside — through three police checks at the Bosnia/Serb border. Had "cevapcici, onion, kaymak and salad" for dinner — wonderful. Called Dana and she had a long talks with us all. At least we're out of the war zone.

Monday Jan 18: Up to the British embassy and saw the vice-consul. Had to fill in three applications for each of Vojin and Zlata. Decided to get Belgrade-Budapest bus at 10pm tonight for the Malev flight to London tomorrow. The British embassy said they needed to interveiw Vojin and Zlata tomorrow and hopefully would issue visas within a couple of days. I wondered about my leaving, but decided to go. Grabbed a Big Mac and french fries.

Tuesday Jan 19: I am at Serb-Hungarian border — no problem. Arrived Budapest and then back to London. Vojin and Zlata were interviewed, got their visas and arrived London the next day.



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Behind every great comedian stands a great influence. Let's have a big hand for Harry and Edward Enfield



PETER TREVNOR

"The Douai School said, 'Boys either sink or swim', and I thought, 'Well, Harry will sink': the buoyant Harry and Edward Enfield face their public

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW



The subject is youth versus crabbed age. For the past two months, a column called The World According to Enfield Senior has appeared in *The Oldie* magazine. Enfield senior is Edward Enfield, 63-year-old father of the more famous Harry.

And it was Harry, sweet-faced mimic of many characters — Stavros and Loadsamoney and Nice But Dim — who sent his father's writings to Richard Ingrams, the editor of *The Oldie* Ingrams at once saw that Enfield Sr encapsulated the Oldie spirit of bewilderment at the modern world and irritation with the young.

"No", Enfield Sr wrote in December, "it will *not* be nice to have the children home for Christmas. It will be terrible. There will be nowhere to go because every room will be full of young people either watching rubbish on television, or talking rubbish and laughing a lot . . .

"Their friends have rings in their noses, and sprawl about the place and smoke and use foul language and have skinhead or Afro hairstyles. When they are in the house I have to keep up a pretence of liking such people."

Mr Enfield, trim, meticulous and schoolmasterly, is the retired assistant director of education for West Sussex. He may sound blimpish and crusty but he is delightful company, witty and generally amused. He insisted that since he was bringing his dreadful son to lunch, I should bring a daughter who was, he said, older, at 16, than most of Harry's fans. She had a copy of the magazine *GQ*, which featured a portrait of a pouting Harry baring his remarkably hairy chest, about which Enfield Sr made suitable noises of disgust.

The Enfields brought up their family of four in the Sussex village of Billingshurst. ("Sitting down, six to every meal, year after year, is something no one can understand unless they have been through it. If I were to look for a common bond between my children, it is that they all eat like savages.")

Harry, né Henry, was the only son, who says his father was the family humorist, with his imitations of Pony Club mothers. Sue, Lizzie and Lucy, the three Enfield girls, were horse-mad. But while Harry is a master of vocal disguise who can do anyone from effete Wallace Arnold, the Craig Brown creation lately (heard on Radio 4, to Buggerallmoney, the vile Geordie lager-lout, Enfield Sr has but one voice. It is pukka old-fashioned BBC English, the voice of one educated at Westminster and Oxford. He was at Oxford with Robin Day, Jeremy Thorpe and Kenneth Tynan: he claims to be "the only undistinguished person" of that era.

The Enfield dynasty has long been respectable and virtuous. "The Enfields have achieved greatness, or more recently notoriety, in alternate generations," Enfield Sr writes. "Both Dr William Enfield LID [Unitarian clergyman, b 1741] and his grandson Edward appeared in the *Dictionary of National Biography*. My father [Sir Ralph Enfield, of the Ministry of Agriculture], appeared in *Who's Who*, and my son in the *TV Times*.

"I", Enfield Sr adds, "am of the generation that slumbers."

But his time has now come. At the Oldie of the Year awards last month, Enfield Sr found himself on the top table with Joanna Lumley, Spike Milligan (who asked him, "Are you a dustman?" "I said, 'I'm a failed dustman'.") and Moira Shearer, who invited him to share her taxi.

For years the Enfields had to endure the usual teenage behaviour: Harry sneaking out in punk gear; Harry's loud, evil punk music; Harry denying that he smoked, but leaving cigarette ends stubbed out on a ledge outside his bedroom window; Harry going hitch-hiking and neglecting to ring home for a week, so that his mother Deirdre was frantic ("My wife, being Irish, has a wild, exaggerated pessimism," Mr Enfield says) and mourned him for dead.

Bad language was forbidden at home. Mr Enfield cannot bear to hear obscenities, particularly from a woman's lips. "I tell them it is unbecoming, like bad breath or BO." If only he were film censor, there would be no blasphemy in films — or cruelty or torture or nudity or indecency, "or jokes that do not make me laugh".

He would be the saviour of the British film industry, he says, because all films would be like *Chariots of Fire*. It depresses him to see beautiful, pure Audrey Hepburn films which show how far we have fallen since then. He wishes Emma Thompson, whom he adores, could be like Hepburn; he fears going to *Peter's Friends* in case her language offends.

> 'If I were to look for a common bond between my children, it is that they all eat like savages'

He has come to the conclusion that private education is largely a ripoff, indulged in by parents who believe — as he did — there is nothing better to spend their money on. But when he asked prospective boarding schools, "What is the merit of sending Harry to your school, rather than to our very good grammar school?", headmasters seemed to regard itas an extraordinary question.

"The Douai School said, 'Boys either sink or swim', and I thought, 'Well, Harry will sink.' Worth Abbey said there was much to be said for boys getting away from home at that age. So he went there. But it was a mistake. He hated it." After two years with the monks, Harry escaped to the local grammar school for the sixth form, demoticised his voice, turned punk, and went to York University to read politics.

That was where he got up a revue that went to the Edinburgh Festival: Enfield Sr was suitably impressed by this, but still hoped his son would do anything but go on the stage. Harry muttered about "getting something together", and the next thing they knew, he said he was topping the bill that night. "I said, 'You mean there's a bill somewhere, and you're *top* of it?"

For a time, the parents would listen loyally to *Week Ending* and *The News Huddlines*, on Radio 4, while the hundreds of names were reeled off in the credits at the end.

His jokes were dire, Harry says, but then the programmes were dire. Harry does not like *jokes* and does not wish to hear the one about the clergyman and the parrot. Enfield Sr: "Harry does *not* like jokes, have you got that? He only likes *character*." ("I do know one joke," Harry says. "This bloke walked into a bar. Whoops! It was an iron bar.")

Harry did a lot of character observation while he was a milkman during holidays in penniless student days.

"The round went from the council estates", he says, "through the neo-Geo Norman Tebbit executive houses called El Hogar and Plumpkins or whatever where they *never* put 'please' on the notes — so I would add '*Please*' and put the note back — to the country houses of the nobs who would say, 'Oh God, milkman, do come in, have some coffee, I must ask you about my daughter, she's about your age and she's started kissing boys'."

He found that the poor pay up promptly, the nouveau riche never pay until it's £80 and then accuse the milkman of trying to cheat them, "or send the au pair to answer the door, so I became adept at saying, '*Vous nous devez quatre-vingts livres.*' "

Enfield Sr took up writing because people kept asking him what he would do with his retirement. He would reply: '*I shall cycle through France*', *and did so* — along canal towpaths — alone. "*Numquam minus solus quam cum solus*," he says. "Never less alone than when alone. I'm never happier. I can take any amount of my own company."

He kept a journal which is turning into a book. It would be nice to do a Peter Mayle and make enough money to buy each daughter a house. Harry managed to get himself a flat and a car in 1986, the year of Loadsamoney and *Saturday Night Live*, but. "The world is full of young people who do all the right things," Enfield Sr says, "and they are still out of work."

His daughters are all working, but not as commercially as their brother, with his talent for lucrative voice-overs. Sue works for a charity aiding the handicapped in Burkina Faso, is married to an African and has two children; Lucy is in Edinburgh learning to make films; Lizzie is a reporter for Radio Brighton.

But Harry, who may look 13 but is actually 31, is already getting the teenager versus dad treatment. He has three "common-law stepchildren" to whom he has become father since setting up home in Primrose Hill, north London, with Alison Allen, the former wife of his fellow comedian Keith Allen.

The eldest, Sarah, is 13 and therefore (he rolls his eyes heavenward and sighs in imitation of all exasperated teenagers) at the age of sitting sulkily cross-legged on the floor burning joss-sticks in pursuit of Nirvana. She regards her mother and Harry as "just completely sad. That's her word for us: *sad*."

So even Harry has reached the Enfield Sr stage of parenthood, where he wonders why children no longer do the things one did as a child. Did he not, as a boy, once make a dolls' house from a cardboard box for his sisters? "It's a sort of arrogance," he says. "What you're really thinking is, if they did the same things I did, they'd turn out just like me — perfect."

Enfield Sr listens affectionately. In one *OLdie* column he questioned American soaps where the son says, "I love you, dad," and the father replies, "And I love you, son." Truer to life, he says, would be — Son: "I love you, dad." Father: "How very embarrassing!"

The Enfields do have a television set (acquired later than most) where they may see Harry wearing a nappy in the Dime commercials, or playing the ghastly aging DJ at the Brit awards. They like some of his characters more than others. "We enjoyed Stavros — but everyone liked Stavros. Loadsamoney was perfectly foul of course. We like the ones you'd expect us to like — we like Nice but Dim; we don't much care for Wayneand Waynetta Slob."

But from March 5 Harry will be presenting *Harry Enfield's Guide to Opera* on Channel 4 — a populist, Classic FM-style introduction to highbrow music for the complete beginner. For the senior Enfields, who remember Harry giving up the piano after one term, and then "taking up the banjo, or whatever it's called, the guitar", this is just another of life's little ironies.

"They say old men always think that things were better when they were young. This does not mean that old men are wrong, only that nobody takes any notice of them."

At another *Oldie* luncheon Enfield Sr discovered that both Mr Ingrams and Paul Foot were at his old Oxford college, Univ. And that Mr Foot is a sort of Enfield relation. "He co-habits with my niece," he says. "There are a lot of common-laws in our family."

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Janet Daley



■ Britain's cult of secretive meddlesomeness is the revenge of the administrative classes

The British have a celebrated love of secrets. And as much as secrets, they love rules. Indeed, pettifogging rules are treated with almost as much reverence as those which protect life and limb. What becomes apparent is that it is not the consequences of breaking any particular rule which evoke unease: it is the idea of rules being broken at all. Combine these two perverse tastes in any permutation — rules which encourage secrecy, rules which are so whimsical that they become inscrutable by default — and it is very heaven. This is not a practical philosophy — in fact its repercussions are often hugely impractical. It is a cultural neurosis, a collective anxiety in which the order of the universe is constantly under threat from anarchic forces which must be hemmed in at every pass.

There is, at the moment, a peculiarly ungovernable force abroad which appears in several different guises but which arises from the suspicion that it may be possible to live without this yoke of secrecy and infinitely replicating rules. Coming before the House of Commons today is the The Right to Know bill, which, if it were to pass its second reading and (as is unlikely) survive in committee, would admit Britain into the community of fully functioning democracies by guaranteeing freedom of information. At the same time, as it happens, the government is exploring ways to dismantle the absurd superstructure of over-regulation which pins British enterprise down at a million points, like Gulliver waking among the Lilliputians.

There is a glimmering here of a scarcely imaginable discovery: that this miasma of rulings, cabals and proscriptions is not simply fatuous. (If it were, then a simple Alice-in-Wonderland question — what on earth are we doing this for? — would blow the whole edifice away like a house of cards.) For such an infuriating web of limitations and in-built frustrations to have survived, it must be serving a purpose for someone. And so the inevitable query: *cui bono*? Lots of people as it happens.

To take this as a straightforward conspiracy of the governing over the governed would be a mistake. Of course, knowledge is power. Combined with the freedom to act on your own initiative (which is to say, without being tripped up by endless obstructive regulations), it is an almost unbeatable form of potency. But the power which is being so zealously guarded from the *hoi polloi* is not only the kind which voters give to governments when they put them in office. True, freedom of information tends to be beloved of oppositions and a dreaded nuisance to parties in office. This is not, however, for reasons of purely cynical self-protection. As much as they are protecting themselves, politicians in office resist open government and minimal regulation because they are under pressure from their civil servants to do so: an influence from which Opposition members are free.

Who really benefits most from the official culture of obfuscation and ordinances? Not the politician — who may be kept in the dark almost as much as his constituents — but the mandarin. And not only the Whitehall bureaucrat, but those legions of officials in large corporate bodies for whom an extra regulation or two can be absorbed without too much difficulty. As David Willetts MP points out in his paper, *Deregulation*: "Big businesses may be quite relaxed about regulation — they are a useful barrier to entry, keeping out small new entrepreneurs." And who is it who reaps most from this in-built advantage for the large established interest over the small new one? Why, the managerial, officiating administrators of large establishments, who are never forced to revise their comfortable ways of doing things because of a threat from new competitors. The small, affordable changes which some new wrinkle of regulation might require are easily assimilated into the grand old patterns of behaviour: nothing like as threatening as having to cope with a thrusting new presence on the scene who is armed with a lot of dangerous New Ideas.

> Who really benefits from the culture of obfuscation?

Which brings me to my sweeping historical conclusion. This is certainly an age-old story of class war but it is not, as the simple analysis would have it, the ruling classes against the rest. Never having had a proper bourgeois revolution — the English king having been beheaded a century too early — this country's middle classes never seized legitimate power for themselves. Having guiltily restored their aristocracy, they sentenced themselves forever after to ruling by devious officiousness. Britain's cult of secretive meddlesomeness is really the revenge of the administrative classes: middle ranking officers carving out a dominion for themselves which glories in its capacity to hinder and prevent. If, in the course of spinning your duplicitous procedural web, you may also persuade your superiors that you are performing an invaluable function for them, then you have indeed had the last laugh. Why allow all that to be threatened by letting in too much light on your manipulations?



Man's darkest deeds

If you can punish the evil-doer or cure him of his evil, which will you do?

Bernard Levin

In the terrible shadow of infanticide we cannot forget a no less terrible war on the old. Is there something in our poisonous air that leads death by the hand to the doors of the two most vulnerable groups of innocents in our society? *The Sun*, has recently been running a feature on the dreadful brutalities inflicted by criminals on, particularly, the old. Again and again, we read of elderly women, some in their seventies or even eighties, who have not only been robbed, but appallingly beaten up and injured, though no resistance had been offered, or indeed could have been. And in a substantial number of such hideous crimes, the ultimate bodily violation has been employed.

I pause to think about what that means in our society; I dare say many of you have just paused to ask yourselves the same question. In what fiery hell is forged the ability in a human being to rape an octogenarian, and how can we douse the flames before they consume our entire world?

At the same time, *The Sun* has merged that pattern with another; hand in hand with monstrous attacks on the old, there goes another aspect of violence that shames our society — the rising number of attacks on policemen and policewomen who, it seems, are increasingly attacked quite wantonly, not, for instance, in resisting arrest or when caught in criminal activity.

The Sun's artwork has been striking. A zig-zag red stripe runs diagonally across the page with the pictures of the injured, the crimson adorning their faces. The whole feature is a credit not only to *The Sun* but to the press in general, a fact that is coolly ignored by most of those whose only wish is to remove the bosoms on page three.

Of the many villains involved in this round-up by *The Sun*, two stand out. One, Anthony Jeffs, had been convicted of the point-blank murder of a policeman, PC Guthrie, and sentenced to life imprisonment. ("Life" now means an indeterminate stretch, with the Home Office monitoring the progress towards parole.) Jeffs, whose knuckles were tattoed with the well-known acronym, ACAB, had served exactly 20 years when it was agreed by the home secretary, Kenneth Clarke, that he should be released. I shall come to *The Sun*'s response to this news in a moment; before that, I should remind my readers who do not remember the details of what happened two decades ago.

Jeffs lay in wait for the then 21-year-old constable Guthrie (married a month) and his senior partner, Sergeant Meredith; Jeffs had stolen a shotgun, and when the two came in sight, Jeffs fired, killing Guthrie outright. Sergeant Meredith, though himself shot, managed to wrest the gun from Jeffs, and was awarded the George Medal.

Twenty years passed, and there was a conviction at the Old Bailey of a man called Anthony Ferrira. Coked high, he lured a woman of 27 (her name has not been revealed) to his room; the excuse he gave was well chosen to ensure that she would be sympathetic and follow him, for he said that his pregnant girlfriend was in gynaecological trouble.

Once he had trapped her, he tried to strangle her with a length of cheese-wire, practised upon her the most degrading and repulsive sexual assaults, stabbed her, slashed her repeatedly with a broken bottle, and finally set her on fire and left her to burn to death. (Neighbours heard her screams and rescued her).

The case took almost a year to come to court; when it did, the judge sentenced Ferrira to 20 years. Now we come to the point — two points, actually, *The Sun*'s and mine.

"Ay, in the catalogue ye go for men," these two cases are, in their different ways, as bad as wickedness can go. The murderer has just completed 20 years imprisonment; the other villain has just started on the same stretch. For Jeffs, the headline was "A life sentence must mean LIFE", and the conclusion was "Lock them up. Throw away the key. Let them rot." For Ferrira, *The Sun* headlined its leading article "Let him rot", adding "It does not matter if they are deprived and have mental problems" and concluding with these words: "Let's hope some namby-pamby home secretary doesn't let Ferrira out before January 20, 2013."

At such dreadful actions, the civilised man becomes less civilised. The instinct is to hurt such criminals frightfully, and the instinct is sound. But let me ask my readers a question. If you could, today, *either* lock up such men to let them rot, *or* cure them of their wickedness, but not both, which would you do?

Retribution on the one hand; dispassionate science on the other. The choice is not easy; nor should it be. Why should a man who did those things not suffer? Leave out *The Sun*'s thirst for condign punishment, and there is an imbalance in the world, which can be evened out only by such punishment. I have never supported capital punishment, and never shall, but there is much power in the equation: a life for a life. The victims of such crimes must have a say; only a week or two ago, a raped woman publicly forgave her violator, and at almost the same time, the woman who suffered so multifariously said "He could have cancelled my life, I won't ever forgive him." Who shall strike a balance between those two? Certainly not I.

I come back to my question: if you can punish the evil-doer or cure him of his evil, which will you do? When St Joan, her spirit broken, in Shaw's play, agrees that her voices were devils, and signs the *abjuro*, thinking that having bowed to higher authority she can now leave the court and get on with her life, she discovers that she must spend her life in prison, for the terrible sins she has committed in refusing for so long to accept authority's verdict. Her judges should not be condemned; penance is required. Of the Moors murderers, it has been said, and difficult to deny (though I do), that even if Myra Hindley had changed entirely in prison, and was genuinely a cleansed soul, she should, like Joan, "eat the bread of sorrow and drink the water of affliction to the end of thy earthly days in perpetual imprisonment".

I believe that Britain has more criminals per head in prison than is the case in any nation of Western Europe, but that is not an index to our crime level; it comes from our practice of throwing into jail as many criminals as possible. Belatedly, there is a revised Criminal Justice Act which should ensure that a much larger proportion of younger offenders will be dealt with in ways that do not include custody. I ask again: would you wish to give pain to such criminals or find a way to make them give up their crimes?

The criminal mind, if there is so definable a thing, is where we must go exploring — not because we are namby-pambys, but because we cannot expect to find anything substantial that might give a clue by interrogating the victims, however sympathetic we may be.

Much mock has been made, often by me, of the floggers-and-hangers of the Conservative party, who howled for the birch, the cat-o-nine-tails and the noose, and went home disappointed by not getting any of these comforters, let alone all of them. But it was a long time till I spotted something at the conference which I should have long before understood. The conference managers were at pains to shift the law-and-order debate (where the hangers and floggers would have their outing) to a time at which few viewers would be tuned in. That could only mean that most of the country did not share the howlers' longing to detach skins from backs and to stretch necks ominously far, otherwise the prime time of the conference would have been given over to those ladies who demanded the severed testicles of rapists, presumably to wear in their dreadful hats.

Perhaps *The Sun* is wrong. Perhaps the public, however enraged by accounts of such terrible crimes against the person as those with which I started, can hold two ideas in their minds at once: that crime should be punished, and that the sooner we can find out why criminals are as they are, the better it will be for all of us.

Or perhaps I am a namby-pamby, after all. Many, many years ago, when the then home secretary was discussing crime and criminals, he said of the public attitude to such matters that "one of the unfailing tests of the civilisation of any country is an unfaltering faith that there is a treasure, if only you can find it, in the heart of every man." Those words were said by the notorious namby-pamby Winston Churchill. Churchill? What can we do with such a man? Lock him up and throw away the key, that's what I say.

Triumph of the therapists

Ben Macintyre on America's latest addiction

By every post, manuals arrive offering to rid me of my slavery to food, alcohol, money, self-starvation, too much sex, too little sex and much, much more. America's obsession with health and self-improvement has a long history, but this is something far more extreme: the widespread assumption that most negative human behaviour can be traced to a socio-psychological hang-up, and then cured.

Racists are now automatically sent on "multicultural awareness courses"; and sexual harassers, once exposed, routinely check in to sex addiction clinics. A British friend was recently stopped for speeding in Florida and found, to his dismay, that he was expected to sit in a circle holding hands with other motoring offenders to discuss their shared compulsion to drive too fast.

The notion that humans are incapable of reforming their behaviour without the correct therapy is called the "Recovery Movement" in America, and has worked its way into almost every level of life, including politics. Bill Clinton's rhetoric is suffused with "recovery language", the enabling, nurturing and empowering made fashionable by new age self-awareness programmes. He is, moreover, America's first hugging president — another central tenet of the Recovery Movement's tactile philosophy. He will, at the slightest provocation, hug anyone, man, woman, or child. He even embraces Vice-president Al Gore when the mood takes him. To illustrate what a massive leap this represents, just try to imagine President Bush wrapping Dan Quayle in an affectionate, man to man, just-because-I-care bear hug.

The Clintons have, in a way, set themselves up as the nation's therapists-in-chief, as a first couple who will, by example if possible and action if necessary, give America the courage to face and beat its failings. Hillary Clinton's ban on smoking in the White House, is thus a small pointer to a much wider purpose.

The intrusion of recovery thinking into politics is just the latest stage in the grand American tradition of self-improvement, based on the supposition that we are all ultimately perfectable. This is nonsense, of course, but may make America feel better about itself.

But lurking behind the Recovery Movement is a secondary syndrome which encourages individuals to take less, not more responsibility for their actions. In his book *A Nation of Victims* published last year, Charles Sykes illustrated how America's preoccupation with addiction increasingly allows individuals to blame their actions on psychological and social factors beyond their control.

The recent scandal over Oregon Senator Bob Packwood is a case in point. Senator Packwood has been accused by no less than 23 women (which must be some sort of record) of making unwanted sexual advances; almost his first reaction, after apologising, was to check into an alcohol treatment programme, while maintaining that he was perfectly able to carry on as an elected representative. An inveterate bottom-pincher is a scandal in modern America; but a drunk bottom-pincher, it seems, is a victim of an addiction and therefore less accountable.

A still more revealing example of what can happen when perfectly commonplace crime is dignified and partially excused by the alleged addiction of the law-breaker is the extraordinary resurrection of Marion Barry, the former Mayor of Washington. After his arrest on drugs charges, one might reasonably have supposed that his political career was over. Not a bit of it. Having checked into an alcohol treatment centre, Mr Barry declared himself healed "in mind, body and soul", was widely praised for having vanquished his addictive problems. Less than three years after his ignominious arrest he was elected a city council member, his rehabilitation complete.

The Mike Tyson trial, now under appeal in Indianapolis, was another example of the victim defence: so far from illustrating Tyson's finer points, the defence painted the former boxing champion as a neanderthal who habitually treated women as expendable sex objects. He couldn't help it, they said, and Desirée Washington should have known that. The defence didn't work, of course, and Tyson is now undergoing therapy at a high security prison.

Leaving aside the whackier end of the self-improvement fad, such programmes as Alcoholics Anonymous have, of course, helped thousands of people to lead happier lives. But the danger is that America has become so hooked on therapy that the distinction has become impossibly blurred between those who truly recover, and those who use the emotive and extenuating language of addiction and recovery as an excuse for whatever actions they chose to take. Messrs Packwood and Barry might not have considered checking into their respective clinics if they had not been caught. And if I sound unforgiving, think twice before blaming me — I'm being treated for it.

Across the board

EXCUSES there have been in abundance since Gary Kasparov, world chess champion, emerged undefeated from the charity challenge held at Simpson's-in-the-Strand in London, which was jointly sponsored by *The Times*.

Leading those lamenting what might have been is Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, who blamed his defeat on being called away at a crucial moment on Wednesday night to vote on the third reading of the Trade Union Reform Bill. Until then, says Dalyell, who was playing for Simpson's, things had been going pretty well. "I had been playing defensively and tightly."

But all that changed as the deadline for the Commons vote loomed. "As 6.25 came up I knew that my last move had been a mistake. Rather unwisely I had my knight prancing around," says Dalyell, so enthusiastic a chess player that he marked his 25th wedding anniversary by commissioning a portrait of himself and his wife battling over the board. "When Kasparov came round and saw where I had moved, he just said 'tut-tut'. Then I knew we had made a deadly error."

So it proved, with Dalyell's team succumbing to the master in 37 moves, ironically matching the number of votes by which he and his party were later defeated in the Commons vote.

Dalyell was feeling so guilty about deserting his colleagues at such a crucial time that he returned to Simpson's waving an apologetic note from Labour's chief whip, Derek Foster. This made it clear, says Dalyell, that it was "absolutely necessary" for him to attend the Commons vote. "It's the first time in 31 years that I have had to ask for a chief whip's note." Let's hope Nigel Short doesn't need one.

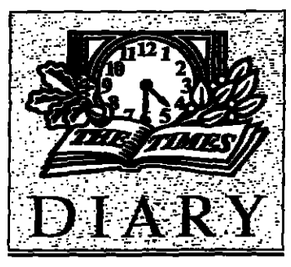
End of the shelf

BAD news for Merchant Ivory, which is indulging in a hefty back-slapping session after its bumper crop of Oscar nominations. With only one E.M. Forster novel remaining unfilmed, the agent in charge of the film and television rights for the novelist's work suggests there has been "quite enough Forster".

Merchant Ivory has worked its glossy magic on three of Forster's novels — *A Room with a View*, *Maurice* and the much-lauded *Howards End*, which is nominated for nine Oscars. Two others — *A Passage to India* and *Where Angels Fear to Tread* — have been filmed by other companies.

Only *The Longest Journey* remains. This one is about the life of a writer who is born an orphan and lives a short and difficult life. Anthony Jones, Forster's film agent, says it "would make a good film — it's a good story like all the others", but believes there has been "a glut of Forster — three films in very quick succession. I think that's quite enough."

Merchant Ivory, deep in celebrations, seems unconcerned. Paul Bradley, executive producer of *Howards End*, says the company has no plans to film any more Forster novels. But, he adds: "There's always *Aspects of the Novel* . . ."



● *If Gillian Shephard found questions about the rise in unemployment particularly hostile yesterday in her interview with Peter Smith, the BBC industrial correspondent for radio, it was hardly surprising. Smith has been made redundant, and clears his desk at the end of March.*

Lost in admiration

FREELANCE activities, by tradition, have always been frowned upon by the powers that be at GCHQ in Cheltenham. But the newest form of extra-mural activity embarked on by some of its linguists is meeting with approval. They are teaching English to Russians.

Specifically, GCHQ staff are teaching English to two orphans from St Petersburg who are currently attending Westonbirt, the girl's public school near Tetbury in Gloucestershire.

"When the girls arrived, as part of a trust scheme, they could not speak a word of English," says headmistress Gillian Hylson-Smith. "We've all helped them — it's not just the people from GCHQ — and now they can speak the language and are starting to enjoy it."

GCHQ, meanwhile, is letting nothing slip. "Officially we're not aware of any of our staff doing any such thing," says a spokesman. "However there would be no reason to know about it, if they are doing it of their own accord in their own time." Good to know nothing changes.

Worse than barking

DUTCH parliamentarians are in for a shock. More than 300 pitbull terriers, together with their owners, are to descend on The Hague today in protest at new laws which demand that the dogs be registered, castrated, muzzled, tattooed and kept on a short leash.

Jan Dirk Van Ginneke, president of the Animal Research Foundation Europe, will present a petition to Dzsingisz Gabor, the Dutch minister of agriculture. The only part of the legislation Van Ginneke is happy with is the registration. "Pitbulls are only as bad as their owners. They don't attack people any more than other dogs.

"People shouldn't leave children alone with any dogs. Chihuahuas, for example, actually bite more often. They just don't bite as hard. Pitbulls are very friendly and are very patient. They take a long time to bite."

So can we expect a similar demonstration in Westminster? Amanda Dunckley, secretary of the Endangered Dogs Association which is campaigning against the Dangerous Dogs Act, says it would be counter-productive. "It would not be useful to our cause. It would only frighten people."

● *The recession bites ever harder. Harpers & Queen is launching a frock-swap service for its readers. But not for the traditional second-hand garments one might expect. As befits a society magazine, only haute couture or designer gear will be considered for the new classified advertisement service. Announcing the frock-swap service the magazine says: "The problem with that special couture or designer number is that you'll be noticed wearing it on its second or third outing." And that would never do.*



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A LEAD FROM THE LORDS

Today MPs should vote for freedom of information

Yesterday, the House of Lords produced a landmark judgment for freedom of speech when it ruled that local councils and government departments should not be allowed to sue for libel. Today Mark Fisher's freedom of information bill, which demands for Britons what is already allowed to citizens of most other developed countries, has its second reading in the House of Commons. The two events are not directly connected. But they could be. If 100 MPs belie their reputation for Friday laziness, this miserable week in the middle of winter 1993 may one day be seen as central to the development of political rights in Britain.

The judgment in the House of Lords followed an attempt by Derbyshire County Council to sue *The Sunday Times* over an article about share deals. The importance of the ruling against allowing the suit is that it enshrines a public interest in freedom of speech which has to be weighed against any arguments for restricting it. This is a commonplace in most democracies and indeed forms part of the European Convention on Human Rights which Britain has signed. But in this country it has not been a positive right in domestic law. British citizens have always had to appeal to Strasbourg to have their right to free speech upheld.

Yesterday's decision by the Law Lords shows a shift in the judicial temper. Legal judgments seem to be moving in the direction of establishing positive rights to freedoms otherwise uncoded in common law. It is encouraging that Lord Keith in his judgment cited overseas cases, such as the famous *New York Times Co. v. Sullivan*. But if the judicial mood is to have an effect upon the passing of new law, it is also important that Mark Fisher's bill be given a chance of a committee stage.

The bill proposes the right to information held by government departments, local authorities, nationalised industries and executive agencies. It is controversial and unlikely to pass into law as it stands. If today's hurdle is cleared, ministers are expected to ask Tory MPs, who are not yet being whipped against the bill, to withhold their support later in favour of a government-backed initiative on open government.

That process must be pressed ahead hard. All Mr Fisher's bill requires today is that 100 MPs should be prepared to spend a Friday morning at Westminster to vote for it. That is no great sacrifice. Given that freedom of information is Labour and Liberal Democrat party policy, it would be shameful were the bill to fall for lack of support.

William Waldegrave, the public services minister, claims to have no ideological objections to freedom of information. That at least is an improvement on his predecessors. He may even find a committee stage useful in forcing some of his colleagues to act more closely within the spirit of the citizen's charter.

The government, of course, has practical objections, on grounds of cost, bureaucracy and the effect of openness on advice to ministers. It favours what it calls a "voluntary openness policy". But enough backbenchers from all parties ought to want to seize their opportunity to show scepticism about the reach of voluntary measures. It is precisely when the disclosure of information could be embarrassing to ministers, usually because it exposes their incompetence, that freedom of information is so important.

As Thomas Paine put it two centuries ago, "those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must... undergo the fatigue of supporting it". Surely there must be at least 100 MPs today who agree with him.

CRY OF DESPAIR

Peace in Bosnia must not be made subservient to negotiations

In eastern Bosnia's besieged villages, people are subsisting on bread made partly of straw and doctors are performing amputations with carpenters' saws and without either anaesthetics or antibiotics. For the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to order relief convoys to withdraw in such circumstances must appear inexpressibly callous. Yet Sadako Ogata's decision, born of desperation, is not only defensible: it is perhaps the only way remaining to her to sting the governments that matter into speeding up the timetable for an adequately enforced peace settlement.

Starvation is outpacing diplomacy in a race that must be stopped. The UNHCR is delivering 20,000 tons of aid a month to Bosnia but the Serbs have prevented both it and the UN Protection Force (Unprofor) from getting a single bandage or bag of flour to these endangered Muslim communities. Sarajevo has boycotted UN relief for the past week to focus the world's eyes on eastern Bosnia. Mrs Ogata has accused Serbs, Croats and Bosnian Muslims of making "a mockery of our efforts". The Bosnian government retorts that Mrs Ogata is blackmailing "the poor and hungry", but it is the poorest in Sarajevo that suffer most from the boycott. It is the well fed, inside and outside Bosnia, she is attempting to blackmail: they must respond.

France wants a new, tougher mandate for Unprofor, under Chapter VII of the UN Charter which allows the use of force. But resolutions 770 and 776 were taken under Chapter VII and already provide for the use of "all measures necessary" to carry out the UN's humanitarian mission. The message Mrs Ogata conveys is that humanitarian aid will not be effective until a Nato-led force is ready to police a military disengagement.

Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance continue to believe that this should follow, not precede, a comprehensive agreement. President Clinton says he will wait for the unforced assent of all parties. But Lord Owen and Mr Vance came to New York a fortnight ago seeking UN Security Council endorsement for their peace plan; yet only now are they discussing with America and Russia how to involve them in further mediation.

America's decision to become politically and militarily involved is worth some delay, because it enormously increases the prospects for success; but this delay should be measured in days not weeks, and even minor modifications to the constitutional and territorial provisions of the Vance-Owen plan could take months to negotiate. Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, said as much yesterday and suggested that if all sides stopped fighting, they could talk about maps "when peace is established". Anything Mr Karadzic says must be suspect, but whatever his motives, this proposal should be vigorously explored.

The part of the Vance-Owen plan which provides for disengagement is detailed, practical and could and should be moved up front. This would not be a partial solution. Provided sanctions were maintained on Serbia and, as the Russians seem likely to insist, instituted against Croatia pending a political settlement, neither these negotiations nor the urgent task of preventing the fighting from spreading need be prejudiced or downgraded. Nato should be instructed to plan on that basis. Rapid decisions could be made now that America has won Russian agreement to participate in a Nato-led operation to enforce a peace agreement. Meantime Presidents Clinton and Yeltsin should, with British and French support, deliver an ultimatum under Chapter VII to the combatants: if they can agree on nothing else, they must agree to silence the guns under Nato supervision, and to do so now.

ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

The Church of England leadership must now fight the wreckers

Like a couple embroiled in an angry divorce, the Church of England is tearing itself apart over an issue that ought to have been settled three months ago. Those who oppose the ordination of women priests are refusing to acknowledge the concessions that have been made to them. Those who steered this overdue reform through the General Synod last November appear, with a few exceptions, to be reluctant to seize advantage from the intransigent minority.

In most of this week's deliberations, the assembly has displayed a sense of Christian mission and focus that does it credit. Wisely, it has taken a pre-emptive lead in the debate on disestablishment, examining ways in which the method of appointment to senior posts might be reformed. The synod's discussion of the education bill and abortion has also been measured and valuable. Yet the proposals by 100 rebel Anglicans for a third non-territorial province, launched at a childish "alternative" synod on Wednesday, must depress deeply all who wish to see the Church survive and prosper.

The synod's decision to admit women to the priesthood was deftly phrased to accommodate individual conscience and a measure of subsidiarity. Those parishes and bishops that find the prospect of women priests unconscionable will be able to withdraw from the reform, while the Church expects to pay £11 million in compensation, pension and housing provision to every 100 men who resign their orders. Yet the traditionalists, confident that they have exclusive knowledge of God's will, refuse every olive branch. They remain determined to scupper the reform in Parliament and may eventually take their grievance to court, challenging the competence of the synod to change what they regard as a doctrinal foundation of Anglicanism. Their plans for a third province would include a massive transfer of assets and presupposes that rebels will stop paying diocesan dues. Impracticality blends unpleasantly with presumption. It is hard to know whether more damage is being done by the wreckers who talk merrily of "a church within a church", or the Anglo-Catholic faction under Dr Graham Leonard, the former bishop of London, which is encouraging mass defection to Rome.

Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, is under renewed pressure to withdraw from the fray in the spirit of evenhandedness. While striving to maintain consensus, he must acknowledge that the conflict has probably moved beyond that stage and that the Church now needs firm leadership to reinforce its courageous and historic decision. Others should follow the noble lead of the conservative bishop of London, who has urged Anglicans to concentrate on the Church's mission rather than its fault-lines. Conscience is the heart of religion; but the cost of conscience should not be the subversion of the faith itself.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Call for UK ban on nuclear tests

From Lord Callaghan and others

Sir, On February 24, the prime minister meets President Clinton. There is one issue on which a fresh approach from Britain would work to the benefit of both countries: that of a comprehensive test-ban treaty (CTBT).

In the February 4 issue of *Nature*, Lord Zuckerman, former chief scientific adviser to the Ministry of Defence, makes an urgent and impassioned plea for the British government to stop testing, as have the United States, France and Russia with their nuclear test moratoria, and work actively for a CTBT. We write to support Lord Zuckerman's call.

We believe this is one of the most pressing foreign policy issues facing Britain. As the Americans, French and Russians have now realised, they have to restrain their own nuclear programmes to have any chance of avoiding global nuclear proliferation. Without a test ban as part of a strong non-proliferation regime, what case do we have for persuading countries on the brink of developing nuclear weapons not to do so?

We believe the recent pro-testing policies of the British government to be seriously out of tune with the traditional British position, which, in effect until 1979 and in theory until 1988, was strongly in favour of achieving a comprehensive test ban. It was then part of an anti-proliferation strategy on the foundation laid by the 1963 partial test-ban treaty, which the Macmillan government did so much to bring about. If a test ban was considered, rightly, to be in our interests during the Cold War, how much more is it in our interests now?

It is not too late for Britain to play again an influential disarmament role, in this and other areas. But if disarmament does not set the agenda now, proliferation very shortly will. By banning nuclear testing, we can take an important step back from the proliferation abyss.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES CALLAGHAN,
HUGH BEACH,
FRANK BLACKABY,
DENIS HEALEY,
ALASTAIR MACKIE,
CHRISTOPHER MAYHEW,
c/o British American Security Information Council,
8 John Adam Street, WC2.
February 15.

MPs in committee

From Professor Roy Gregory

Sir, "Not even the most enthusiastic supporters of parliamentary select committees", writes John Garrett, MP, "have ever suggested that they might 'control the executive' " (letter, February 13). On the contrary, it was precisely the apparatus of parliamentary "control" over the executive that advocates of an extended select committee system said they wished to strengthen.

This is a field in which arguments of substance have long been bedevilled by the confusion generated by this familiar but highly ambiguous term "control".

Except during a brief period in the 17th century, Parliament has never "controlled" the executive in the sense of issuing directives. No one, I imagine, suggests that it should. The exercise of "control" in the weaker sense of "scrutiny", on the other hand, has always been a major function of Parliament in relation to the executive. It makes perfectly good sense to suggest that "control" of this kind should be reinforced by the work of select committees. All too often, debates about "parliamentary control" lead nowhere because they are conducted at cross purposes.

Yours faithfully,
ROY GREGORY,
Centre for Ombudsman Studies,
University of Reading,
Whiteknights, Reading, Berkshire.
February 15.

Threat to Rushdie

From Mrs Joy Heiseler

Sir, You report Dr Kalim Siddiqui (February 15) as saying: "I do not want to kill him [Salman Rushdie]. We will just break every bone in his body." Does not such a threat constitute a criminal offence in Britain, or are prominent Muslims exempt?

Yours faithfully,
JOY HEISELER,
18 Attimore Close,
Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire.

Travels in Africa

From Emeritus Professor R. Mansell Prothero

Sir, Sir Vivian Fuchs (letter, February 10) is indeed a man of distinction, but to require a laxative when travelling in Africa must make him unique. Lesser mortals need only rely on vengeful nature. And was the Livingstone Rouser he took named after the missionary-explorer? Poor Livingstone had no need of a laxative; he suffered greatly from dysentery and its debilitating effects contributed significantly to his death.

Yours faithfully,
R. MANSELL PROTHERO,
Vine House, 26 Parkgate Road,
Neston, South Wirral.

Deterrents to the young criminal

From Mrs Jonathan Carr, JP, and others

Sir, As magistrates in inner London attempting to implement the new Criminal Justice Act, we welcome the prime minister's change of priorities on crime and punishment.

In his Carlton Club speech (report, February 4) Mr Major claims that he now wishes to keep persistent young offenders off the streets and to place them in secure accommodation — just what the Criminal Justice Act was designed to avoid. The change is an excellent one: but we believe that his first priority should be the amendment of the act rather than the building of new institutions.

Under the act we are not able (except in very limited circumstances) to take into account the offender's past record. The street mugger who commits 20 attacks has to be given the same sentence as the mugger who commits two. There is no deterrent and we feel deeply frustrated.

The prime minister hoped, too, that rehabilitation could be given to the persistent young offender when in custody, to train him for a useful future. We support this view, and note that both the director of Nacro and the director of the Howard League for Penal Reform ignored this in their letters (February 16).

Crime and fear of crime make our streets unsafe, and the public feel let down. It is a sad day when the judiciary begins to be out of step with public opinion, and the prime minister is obviously realising this.

We hope that the Criminal Justice Act will receive urgent amendment, and that we can once again take into account an offender's record when sentencing. In our view, the test of justice is that it delivers what the citizen wants.

Yours sincerely,
DAPHNE CARR,
SYBIL EYSENCK,
ROY JAMES,
JULIA ROSKILL,
49 Cardigan Street, SE11.
February 16.

From Mr Keith Tallon

Sir, The reference by the director of the Howard League in her letter to "a sharp fall" in the prison population comes as no surprise to advocates practising in the magistrates' courts. The cause is the implementation of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, and a further serious result of the act must surely follow.

The act makes it almost impossible for a court to take into account an offender's previous convictions because this can be done only if the court is satisfied that the circumstances of a previous offence aggravate the instant offence. Since the Crown Prosecution Service rarely has an accurate record of the offender's previous convictions, still less any information as to the circumstances of previous offences, the court is usually unable to take them into account at all.

Thus it is that offenders with many previous convictions are dealt with as if they are of previous good character and punished by way of a fine, conditional discharge or probation order.

What these offenders are now realising is that they are free to go out into the community and commit thefts and other offences without any real risk of being sent to prison. They do not regard any other punishment as a deterrent.

As juvenile offenders they were told that they would face more serious punishment in the adult courts, but this is no longer the case. Generations of young offenders are seeing that the courts do not hand out any effective punishment.

It follows that it is likely that the crime rate will rise sharply because there no longer exists any effective deterrent.

Yours faithfully,
KEITH TALLON,
Cook Taylor (solicitors),
3 Thomas Street,
Woolwich, SE18.
February 16.

From Mr G. B. Miller

Sir, Does the director of the Howard League really believe that the juvenile crime rate fell heavily in 1991?

The facts are different. Local bobbies are no longer pulling in and charging youngsters under 14 — certainly not youngsters under ten. They are told by the station sergeant not to waste their time, and if they do charge them the CPS on the whole will not accept the case because in most cases the child is told by the magistrates not to do it again and to be a good boy. As a result the statistics about "known offenders" is a load of rubbish.

Worse still, the inability of the police to have retribution visited on these youngsters is building up a positive contempt for the police and law and order.

We are now seeing the beginnings of Fagin's kitchens, with children breaking into houses, taking what they can carry and going off to a waiting car with an adult driver. If the kids get caught no harm is done — they will not be charged.

Yours faithfully,
G. B. MILLER,
68 Adisham Green,
Church Milton, Sittingbourne, Kent.
February 16.

Justice unreported

From Mr Tom Welsh

Sir, I was puzzled by your article on the changes in care proceedings before magistrates ("Extra work — but more open justice", Law, February 9). In fact, before the Children Act 1989 was implemented in October 1991 these proceedings were among the remaining areas of the judicial system where open justice applied. They were fully reportable, except for the identity of the juveniles involved, and were reported regularly by local newspapers and, when matters of considerable importance were at issue, by the national media.

As a result of the act, reporters may still attend, but magistrates now have discretion to exclude them. Even if the reporter is allowed to remain, he or she may report only three formal matters relating to the case, must not report the evidence, and is thus prevented from giving any meaningful account. I have no knowledge how magistrates are using their discretionary powers but perhaps it is significant that I have not seen a single report of care proceedings before them in any newspaper, national or local, since the act took effect.

Your author argues that more open justice has resulted because magistrates are required by the act to give reasons. That may help insiders and even parties but is no help to members of the public. In the absence of media coverage how does an interested lay person discover how the act is being applied? My own experience may be instructive. I presented myself on two occasions at a family proceedings court that was about to hear care proceedings. The magistrates agreed to my presence, provided the parties agreed, but in both cases their lawyers said they refused.

When the act was implemented the Lord Chancellor was reported to have set up a committee to review the issue of access to and reporting of family proceedings. It has not been heard of from that day to this. The Children Act has many virtues. Enhancing open justice before magistrates is not one of them.

Yours faithfully,
TOM WELSH
(Joint editor, *McNae's Essential Law for Journalists*),
310 Waterloo Gardens, N1.

CrossRail tunnel

From Councillor Gwyneth Deakins

Sir, Not everyone thinks that the London CrossRail tunnel is a good idea (report, "Not under my back yard", February 15). Tower Hamlets Council is very strongly opposed to the project as it stands, for a number of reasons.

Firstly, CrossRail was planned before the decision was made to route the Channel tunnel rail link via Stratford to King's Cross, so it takes no account of changed patterns of demand.

The plan at the moment is for CrossRail to utilise existing tracks east of Bethnal Green. This means there will be no real increase in capacity on the eastern branch, and many people will have the quality of their lives severely disrupted by additional trains thundering past their homes on elderly viaducts. Work on the tunnel will also destroy the one remaining piece of open space left in Spitalfields.

In fact, the benefits of CrossRail are very limited, probably offering relief only to the Central line. Other schemes, such as the proposed Chelsea-Hackney line and Jubilee line extension, would not only provide relief for the Central line, but have wider benefits for the rest of London.

CrossRail is being allowed to plough on regardless, simply because it is already before Parliament. The government should sit back and look at the changing conditions in London, and carry out a proper strategic review of rail planning in London to establish what is best for the whole of the capital. We cannot let piecemeal planning go on ruining the lives of thousands of Londoners.

Yours faithfully,
GWYNETH DEAKINS
(Chair, Policy Strategy Committee),
Tower Hamlets Council,
Town Hall, Patriot Square, E2.

From the Project Director of CrossRail

Sir, Sir Michael Clapham, chairman of the Residents' Association of Mayfair, thinks that CrossRail's promoters "pulled a fast one" by taking the parliamentary route for approval to the South-East's new railway (report, February 15).

When the secretary of state for transport directed London Underground and British Rail to deposit a private bill for CrossRail in November 1991, the parliamentary process was the only way to gain approval for major rail schemes. Since then a new system involving planning enquiries has been introduced, but this was not available for CrossRail.

Sir Michael is therefore mistaken in thinking that any other planning approvals procedure was available to the promoters, who have at all times observed the rights of affected parties. This has included extensive consultations with the residents' association.

Yours faithfully,
M. C. F. SMITH,
Project Director, CrossRail,
Eastbourne Terrace, W2.
February 17.

Child-stealing and the way we live

From Mr Peter Neufeld

Sir, The terrible murder of James Bulger (leading article, February 18) brings forcibly to mind two major changes in the way we live.

Whatever harm they may observe a youngster to be engaged in, no adult dares to interfere. They know that it is themselves, not the child, whom the law may punish, not to mention any injury the child may inflict on them, for which there is no redress.

Many of us can remember the time when James and his abductors would have been likely to encounter more than one policeman on the beat.

Yours faithfully,
PETER NEUFELD,
21 Little Birches, Sidcup, Kent.

From Mrs Margaret Fowler

Sir, Could not all parents with small children be encouraged to use reins when going on shopping expeditions?

If children become used to reins when taking their first steps they accept the restraint (even if there is the occasional tantrum) and they are both more controllable and infinitely safer.

Yours sincerely,
MARGARET FOWLER,
51 Castle Rise,
High Banks, Uckfield, East Sussex.
February 16.

Affordable housing

From Mr Harley Sherlock

Sir, In his letter (February 12) about affordable housing Dr Richard Fordham claims that it is difficult to design attractive layouts at a density of 20 houses per acre. And yet civilised urban living, with all the necessities and pleasures of life close at hand, is almost certainly unsustainable at any lower density.

Those in a position to buy their own homes are prepared to pay a premium to live in inner London's modernised 19th-century streets, which usually provide a much higher density than 20 dwellings. But council-owned properties in such streets often lie derelict for lack of resources.

Worse, in spite of evidence of homelessness all around us, during the last ten years virtually no new inner-city housing has been built in either the private or public sectors.

By all means let us be flexible about densities but let us also set about the more urgent task, in this post-tower block age, of finding the modern equivalent of our high-density Georgian streets and squares. Only then will we be able to think in terms of providing affordable housing for all those who would enjoy city living if it were not for the poor state of their housing.

Yours faithfully,
HARLEY SHERLOCK,
13 Alwyne Place, N1.
February 15.

Oxo tower's flavour

From Mr R. J. Clothier

Sir, Is it not enough that the Oxo tower (report, February 13) is a treasured London landmark? What sense does it make for the environment secretary to demand "architectural" interest in recent vernacular architecture? Concerning his other criterion, how may any such architecture acquire "historic" interest if pulled down now?

An earlier government allowed the Old Shot Tower, which figured so prominently in the Festival of Britain, to be destroyed. Amends might now be made. The flavour of a period is all too easily lost.

Yours faithfully,
R. J. CLOTHIER,
18 Somerton House,
Duke's Road, WC1.
February 13.

Our cricket cure

From Mr T. A. Meadowcroft

Sir, On reading your leader today, "Just not cricket", may I suggest the appointment of Brian Clough as the England team manager. Even if they lost every match the team would be clean-shaven and smart in appearance and show no signs of body language when given out.

They would also, I suppose, eat Shredded Wheat, which would be something of an improvement.

Yours faithfully,
T. A. MEADOWCROFT,
9 Rectory Park,
Pett, Hastings, Sussex.
February 17.

From the Reverend Brian Magee

Sir, After reading "Just not cricket", I wanted to dance around the room, wave a burning newspaper (not *The Times*) and set off fire-crackers. You were straight down the line. Well played!

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN MAGEE,
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February 18.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 18: His Excellency Señor Don Alberto Aza was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Spain to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: the Marqués de Torregrosa (Minister Counsellor), Captain José Maria Pascual (Defence and Naval Attaché), Señor Don Fernando Serrano-Suñer (Minister, Cultural Affairs), Señor Don Ramón Ansoain (Minister Consular Affairs), Señor Don Juan González-Cebrián (First Counsellor), Colonel Victor Velasco (Military Attaché), Lieutenant Colonel Francisco Beca (Air Attaché) and Señor Don Francisco Javier Zarzalejos (Press Counsellor).

Señora Dona Aza was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir David Gillmore (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Her Excellency Mrs Margaret Nasha was received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon Her Excellency relinquishing her appointment as High Commissioner for the Republic of Botswana in London.

His Excellency Señor German Riesco and Señora Riesco were received in farewell audience by Her Majesty and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Chile to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency Mr Kwaku Asante and Mrs Asante were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for the Republic of Ghana in London. The Queen, Patron, and The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Fellow, this evening attended a Reception at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1, to mark the 150th Anniversary of the grant of its Royal Charter and were received by the President (Mr David Coleman) and Mr Nicholas Wood (Vice-President).

The Countess of Airlie, Sir Kenneth Scott and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were represented by Sir Kieran Prendergast (High Commissioner in Nairobi) at the Memorial Service for Sir Michael Blundell which was held in All Saints Church, Nairobi, this afternoon.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 18: The Prince Edward this evening attended a Gathering of the Churchill Explorers Association, the Royal Geographical Society, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

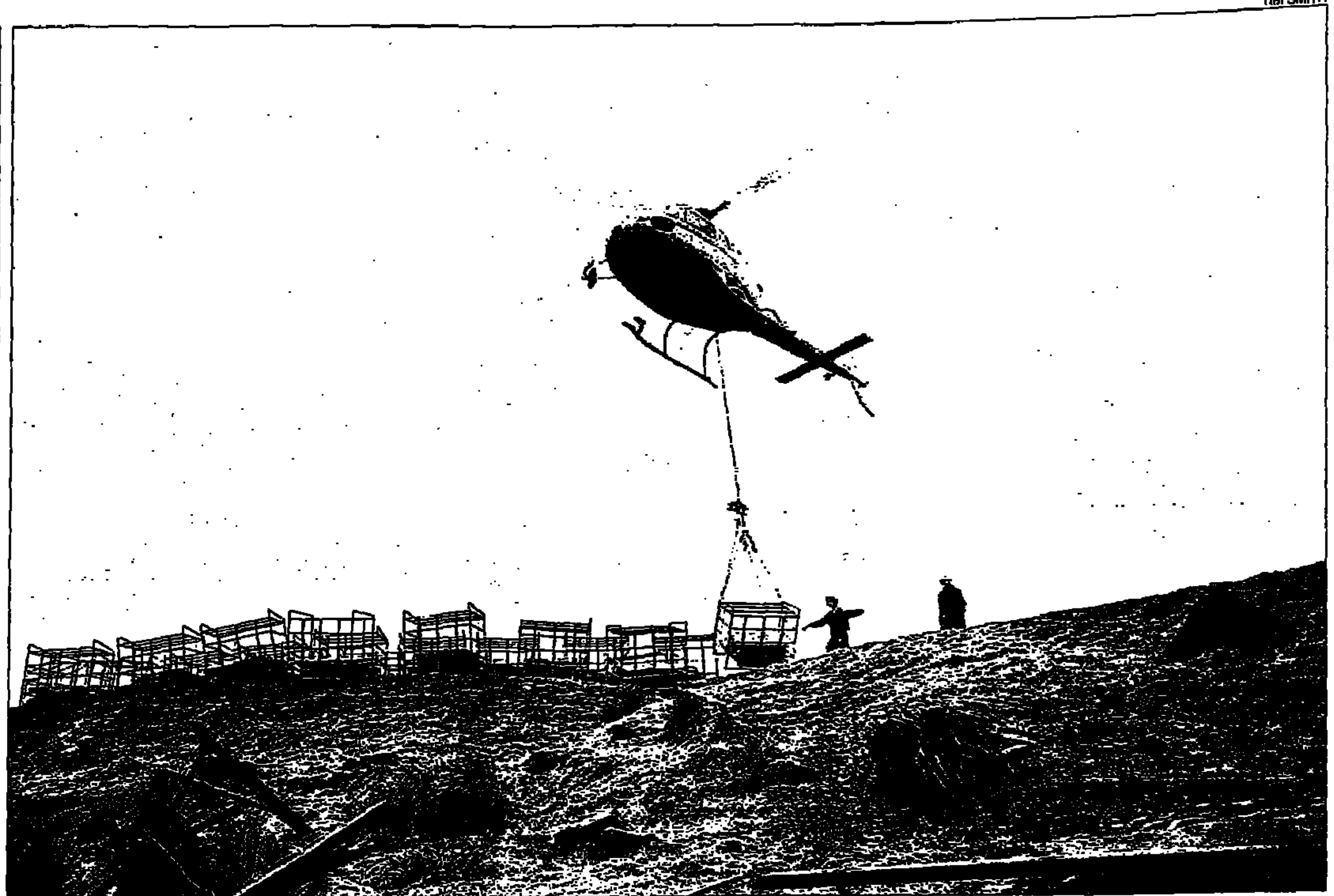
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ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 18: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, Restoration of Appearance and Function Trust, this evening attended a reception followed by The Ceremony of the Keys at Her Majesty's Tower of London, and was received by Field Marshal Sir John Stanier (Constable of the Tower).

Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
February 18: Princess Alexandra this evening attended a Concert given by the Moscow International Chamber Orchestra, Ensemble XXI, in aid of the BEARR Trust (British Emergency Action for Russia and the Republics) at St John's Smith Square, London SW1.

The Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance.

TIM SMITH



On the trail of the Brontës: a helicopter lowers crates containing flagstones to create a new track across the moors above Haworth, West Yorkshire, where 25,000 walkers a years have turned parts of the Brontë Way into a quagmire. The terrain is impassable by vehicle

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron of the Royal National Institute for Deaf People, will visit the Poolemead Centre, Bath, at 2.55; and, as patron and honorary fellow, will attend the triennial dinner of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Nicolson Street, Edinburgh, at 7.30.

School news

Queen Anne's School, Caversham, Reading
Past parents and friends of the school are invited to contribute to a presentation to Miss Audrey Scott on her retirement in July 1993. Cheques, accompanied by a signed label, should be made payable to The A.M. Scott Presentation Fund and sent to the School Secretary.

Latest wills

Mr George Edward **Stone**, of Mickleover, Derbyshire, formerly of Borrowash, left estate valued at £142,663 net. He left his entire estate equally between the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, Salvation Army and Dr Barnardo's.

Appointments

Mr Justice Tuckey to be co-chairman of the Civil and Family Committee and a member of the Main Board of the Judicial Studies Board.

Mr Anthony Wharton, Mr Roger Hearne and Mr James Howard to be joint district judges: Mr Wharton for the districts of the Leicester, Loughborough and Melton Mowbray county courts and in the district registry of the High Court at Leicester; Mr Hearne for the districts of the Wolverhampton, Dudley, West Bromwich, Walsall, Stourbridge, Lichfield, Kidderminster and Tamworth county courts and in the district registry of the High Court at Wolverhampton, Dudley, West Bromwich and Walsall; and Mr Howard for the districts of the Newcastle, Sunderland, South Shields, Durham, Consett and Gateshead county courts and in the district registry of the High Court at Newcastle, Sunderland, South Shields and Durham.

Gallery sale

Fourteen pictures are to be auctioned by the Minories in Colchester, Essex, for an estimated £70,000 next month to help to reopen the regional art gallery. Rising costs led to its closure last September.

Dinners

HM Government
Baroness Denton of Wakefield, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Consumer Affairs, Small Firms and Design, was host last night at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House in honour of Sir Simon Hornby, retiring Chairman of the Design Council.

Institution of Chemical Engineers
The Annual Dinner of the Institution of Chemical Engineers was held last night at the Savoy Hotel. The President, Mr E.J. Bavister, CBE, and Council welcomed as principal guests and speakers the Right Hon William Waldegrave, MP, Minister for Public Service and Science, and Professor G. Davies, Chief Executive of the Higher Education Funding Council.

RN College Greenwich
Professor D.C.C. Gibbs, Director of the Department of Nuclear Science and Technology at the Royal Naval College Greenwich, presided at a reception and dinner held last night to mark the conferment of degrees in nuclear reactor technology and radiological protection. Admiral Sir Michael Livesay, Second Sea Lord and Admiral President of the College, delivered the graduation address.

Luncheon

German Chamber of Industry and Commerce
Mr Rainer Brüderle, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Economic Affairs and Transport of Rhineland-Palatinate, was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce in the UK and the Economic Development Corporation of Rhineland-Palatinate at the Café Royal yesterday.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Nicolaus Copernicus, astronomer, Thorun, Poland, 1473; David Garrick, actor-manager, Hereford, 1717; Luigi Boccherini, composer, Lucca, Italy, 1743; Sir William Fairbairn, engineer, Kelso, 1789; Sir Roderic Murchison, geologist, Tarradale, Highland, 1792; Adelina Patti, Baroness Cederstron, soprano, Madrid, 1843; Sven Hedin, Asian explorer, Stockholm, 1865; Alvaro Obregón, revolutionary President of Mexico 1920-24 and 1928, Alamos, Mexico, 1880; Jimmy Durante, actor and comedian, New York City, 1893; Sir Cedric Hardwicke, actor, Lye, Worcestershire, 1893; Merle Oberon, actress, Bombay, 1911; Carson McCullers, novelist, Columbus, Georgia, 1917; Lee Marvin, actor, New York, 1924.

DEATHS: Elizabeth Carter, poet, Deal, Kent, 1806; Georg Büchner, dramatist, Zurich, 1837; Bernard Barton, poet, Woodbridge, Suffolk, 1849; Blondin (Jean-François Gravelet), acrobat and tightrope walker, London, 1897; Ernst Mach, physicist, Haar, Germany, 1916; André Gide, writer, Nobel laureate 1947, Paris, 1951; Knut Hamsun, novelist, Nobel laureate 1920, Grimstad, Norway, 1952; John Grierson, documentary film maker, Bath, 1972.

Bread riots took place in Liverpool, 1855.

The Women's Institute was founded by Mrs Hoodless in Ontario, Canada, 1897. It was introduced to Britain during the first world war.

Independence for Cyprus was guaranteed by an agreement signed in London by Britain, Turkey and Greece, 1959.

Service dinners

11th Signal Regiment
Lieutenant-Colonel M.J. Dent, Commanding Officer, and Officers and Warrant Officers of 11th Signal Regiment (Depot) held a farewell dinner last night at the Royal Signals Officers Mess Catterick prior to the disbandment of the regiment in March. Major-General A.C. Birtwistle, Master of Signals, was the guest of honour. Major D.S. Smith presided.

71st Yeomanry Signal Regiment
Colonel the Earl of Limerick presided at the annual dinner of the Officers Dining Club of the 71st Yeomanry Signal Regiment held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Among those present were:
Lieutenant-Colonel D R Jones (Commanding Officer), Captain the Hon C R Bailey, Colonel Sir David Black, Major-General T A Richardson, Brigadier C A Brown Colonel D S Casstles, Colonel R M Yolland and Colonel A P Verey.

RAF Strike Command
Air Chief Marshal Sir John Thomson, Commander-in-Chief United Kingdom Air Forces, received the guests at a ladies guest night dinner held last night at Headquarters Strike Command Officers' Mess, RAF High Wycombe, to mark the retirement of Air Marshal Sir John Kemball. Brigadier General Travis E. Harrell, USAF, presided.

University news

St Andrews
The Royal Society of Edinburgh and the Caledonian Research Foundation have awarded five of the six new European Visiting Research Fellowships in Arts and Letters to the university. The fellowships for travel in Europe went to Dr Robert Houston, Dr Hamish Scott and Robin Spencer. Fellowships to enable scholars to visit Scotland went to Dr Sergey Kuznetsov, from Russia, and Professor Janos Nyiri, from Hungary, who will study at St Andrews.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Canon Paul Allton, Team Rector, Keynsham (Bath and Wells): to be *also* an Honorary Canon Emeritus of Norwich Cathedral (Norwich).
The Rev John Day, Hon Curate, St Peter, Bexleyheath: to be Curate, Christ Church and St John the Baptist, Erith (Rochester).
The Rev David Ella, Team Vicar, Southend Team Ministry, and Southend Deanery Youth Work Development Officer: to be Team Rector, Canvey Island Team Ministry (Chelmsford).
The Rev Denys Gower, Curate, All Saints, Perry Street: to be Priest-in-charge, Wateringbury w Teston and West Farleigh (Rochester).
The Rev Barry Hall, non-stipendiary Assistant Curate, West Hanningfield: to be non-stipendiary Priest-in-charge, West Hanningfield (Chelmsford).
The Rev Michael Malleson, Vicar, Heworth St Alban (Durham): to be Vicar, Killingworth (Newcastle).
The Rev Captain Michael Phillips, Church Army, Social Responsibility Team Member, Basford and Hyson Green Team Ministry (Southwell): to be Chaplain, HM Prison, Gartree, Leicester (Leicester).
The Rev Barry Priory, Assistant Priest, Somerton w Compton Dundon, the Charltons and Kingdown: to be Rector, Porlock w Stoke Pero (Bath and Wells).
The Rev Canon James Richardson, until recently Executive Director, Council of Christians and Jews, and holding Bishop's Licence under Seal, diocese Peterborough: to be Priest-in-charge, Brington w Whilton and Norton (Peterborough).
The Rev Neil Wilson, Curate, Monkseaton St Peter: to be Vicar, Earsdon and Backworth (Newcastle).
The Rev Susan Bailey: to be part-time non-stipendiary Minister, Needham Market w Badley (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).
The Rev John Barrie, Senior Chaplain, London District and Chaplain to the Household Division, Ministry of Defence Army Chaplaincy Services: to be Priest-in-charge, Holy Trinity, Hereford (Hereford).
The Rev Canon Colin Brennen, Honorary Canon of Durham Cathedral: to be Honorary Canon Emeritus of Durham Cathedral (Durham).
The Rev Ian Colson, Assistant Curate, Thornaby-on-Tees Team Ministry (York): to be Chaplain, RAF.
The Rev Stuart Dobson, Curate, St James and St John, Friern Barnet (London): to be Vicar, North Sutton Team Ministry (Exeter).

Birthdays today

The Duke of York celebrates his birthday today.

Mr Peter Baldwin, chief executive, Radio Authority, 66; Sir John Collyear, engineer, 66; the Rev Dr G. Henton Davies, principal emeritus, Regent's Park College, Oxford, 87; Mr Peter du Sautoy, publisher, 81; Sir Nicholas Fenn, diplomat, 57; Lord Forbes, 75; Mr John Freeman, former MP, diplomat and chairman, London Weekend Television, 78; Lord Henniker, 77; the Right Rev R.S. Hook, former Bishop of Bradford, 76; Miss Hana Mandlikova, tennis player, 31; Professor Bernard Meadows, sculptor, 78; Mrs Frances Perry, horticulturist, 86; Sir Daniel Pettit, former chairman, National Freight Corporation, 78; Mrs Erin Pizzey, author and founder of first shelter for battered wives, 54; Mr Smokey Robinson, singer, 53; Miss Gwen Taylor, actress, 54; Mr Brian Tesler, deputy chairman, LWT (Holdings), 64.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.B. Abbott and Miss F.H. Giddings
The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs D.B. Abbott, of Gujan-Mestras, France, and Fiona Helen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E.D. Giddings, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Mr D.N.W. Bland and Miss E.C. Holmes
The engagement is announced between David Neville William, only son of Lieutenant Colonel Sir Simon and Lady Bland, of Gabriel's Manor, Edenbridge, Kent, and Elisabeth Claire, twin daughter of the late Major Desmond Holmes and of Mrs Holmes, of Rock House, Washington, West Sussex.

Mr T.W. Bridges and Miss E.F.A. Park
The engagement is announced between Thomas William, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Sandy Bridges, of Shimplingthorne, Shimpling, Suffolk, and Elizabeth Frances Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Park, of The Old Rectory, Hurworth, Co Durham.

Mr T.J. Bullman and Miss S.B. McNicholas
The engagement is announced between Timothy, third son of Mr and Mrs Edgar Bullman, of Swaines Hill, Hampshire, and Siobhan, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Bernard McNicholas, of Arkley, Hertfordshire.

Mr D.J. Cook and Miss K.J. Chapman
The engagement is announced between David, son of Dr and Mrs John Cook, of Bagshot, Surrey, and Katharine, daughter of Mr Allan and the Hon Mrs Chapman, of Milton Bryan, Bedfordshire.

Mr P.L. Greenacre and Miss A.K. Simpson
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr David Greenacre, JP, of Colchester, Essex and Lady Elizabeth Greenacre, of Ham Common, Surrey, and Anna, daughter of Mr Robin Simpson, QC, of South Kensington, London and Lady Webster, of Bratton, Wiltshire.

Mr P. Minoprio and Miss K. Gwyn-Smith
The engagement is announced between Piers, only son of Mr and Mrs Peter Minoprio, of London, and Kathryn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Burton, of London.

Mr B.R.G. Pazzi-Axworthy and Miss E.M. Dale
The engagement is announced between Rhodri, son of Dr and Mrs G. Pazzi-Axworthy, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, and Elizabeth, elder daughter of the late Mr A.J. Dale and of Mrs Dale, of Andover, Hampshire.

Mr M.W.J. Pike and Miss S.L. Rance
The engagement is announced between Matthew, elder son of the late Mr Anthony Pike and of Mrs Anthony Pike, of Petworth, West Sussex, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs James Rance, of Wargrave, Berkshire.

Mr J.F. Shier and Miss S.J.C. Pugsley
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs F.E. Shier, of Putney, London and Melbourne, Australia, and Susan, daughter of Mrs Diana Walker, of Cirencester, Gloucestershire and the late Mr Jon Pugsley.

Mr J.T. Whitear and Miss K.L. Banks
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Whitear, of Orpington, Kent, and Katharine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Banks, of Millington Road, Cambridge.

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BIRTHS

APODIACOS - On 21st January 1993, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Ioanna and Costas, a son, Nicolas.

ASHCROFT - On February 11th, at The Portland Hospital, to Josie (née Cameron) and Charles, a son, Henry Charles Richard, a brother for Lucy.

BATTCOCK - On February 14th, to Melanie (née Wood) and Nicholas, a son, James Frank Compton.

CAREY - Peter and Anita are delighted to announce the birth in Hong Kong on 17th February of Catrin Anne, a sister for William, Rhiannon and Angharad.

de VERE HUNT - On February 11th, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, to Julie (née Adams) and Peter, a daughter, Isabella Joy, a sister for Daisy Cara.

DICKINS - On February 8th, to Judith and Gier, a daughter, Alice Nicola, a sister for Dale Christopher.

GODMAN - On February 7th, at The John Radcliffe, to Karen (née Gerrish) and Johnnie, a daughter, Edith Camilla, a sister for Laura and Tom.

GRAHAM - On St Valentine's Day 1993, to Caroline and Johnny, a son, James Alexander Churchill, brother for Zoe, Maxwell and Pia.

HEYWOOD - On February 16th, to Frances (née Reid) and Mark, a son, David.

HOARE-TEMPLE - On 16th February, to Jane (née Montague Browne) and Piers, a son, Guy Arthur Anthony.

HOBROUGH - On February 3rd, at Queen Charlotte's, to Rosemary (née Burgin) and Martyn, a daughter, Emma Cordelia, a half-sister to Sarah and James.

McLOUGHLIN - On February 14th, to Rachel Bruton and Sean, a son, Jake.

RAILTON - On February 14th, to Gill (née Kermack) and James, a daughter, Alice Rose.

SHEGOG - On 14th February, to Bridget (née Raban) and Andrew, a son, Benedict Salisbury.

DEATHS

BAILEY - On February 16th 1993, peacefully in Watford General Hospital, in her 83rd year, Cynthia, dearly loved wife of the late Henry William Bailey and mother of Gillian. Funeral arrangements to be announced.

CHAMBERLAIN - On 18th February 1993, Christina Miller. Funeral private. No letters or flowers please.

CYRIAX - Anna Violet, on February 14th, aged 86, at Grey Gables, Birmingham. Funeral at 12 noon on February 24th at Robin Hood Crematorium, Solihull. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the Society for International Folk Dancing, Inns of Court Mission, Broad Court, Drury Lane, London WC1.

FITZHERBERT - On Tuesday 9th February 1993, peacefully in London, Anne, widow of Sir John FitzHerbert Bt, mother of Robin and Rosy, grandmother of Richard, Charles and Miranda. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Clapham Common, London SW4, on Tuesday 23rd February at 12 noon. Flowers if desired to J.E. Gillman & Sons Ltd., 971/3 Garratt Lane, London SW17. Memorial Service and interment at St Mary's Church, Tissington, Derbyshire, on Monday 1st March 1993 at 12.30 pm. Flowers if desired to St Mary's.

FORTI - Mario, aged 84, on 16th February after dedicated care at St George's Hospital, South London. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Cemetery on Tuesday 23rd February at 3 pm. Donations to Foot and Mouth Artists, 9 Inverness Place, London W2 3JF. No flowers please. Loved and remembered always by his family and friends.

JAMES - On Thursday 18th February 1993, peacefully in the most loving care of Thames Bank Nursing Home, Goring-on-Thames, Leslie Mostyn, aged 86. Husband of the late Molly, father of Diana and Rosie, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Whitchurch-on-Thames, on Wednesday 24th February at 11.30 am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only.

KINGSMILL - On 16th February, Faith Margaret (née Loring), Wing Officer (retired). Very dearly loved.

LATHAM - On February 17th 1993. Peacefully at home, Diana Margaret, beloved wife of the late Richard Latham and very dear mother of Michael and Hugh, grandmother to Gavin, Max, Clyde and Sophie. Private cremation with a Thanksgiving Service at Salisbury Cathedral on Thursday February 25th at 10 am. No flowers please, donations to Cancer Research and Salisbury Hospice Care Trust c/o I.N. Newman Ltd., Griffin House, 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury, SP1 1HL.

LEACOCK - On February 12th peacefully in Addenbrookes Hospital, Sheila Gian, beloved mother of Tim and Louisa and much loved grandmother. Funeral Service at St Helen's Church, Little Eversden, nr. Cambridge, on Wednesday February 24th at 2 pm. Flowers to F.W. Cook, 49 Church Street, Willingham, Cambridge.

LITTLE - On February 15th 1993, Miles Little D.F.C., R.A.F., October 1942. Dearly loved husband of Margot and devoted father of Valerie, Louie and Deborah. Private cremation. Service of Remembrance in St Nicholas Church, Church Lane, Godstone, Surrey, on Wednesday 24th February at 2 pm. No flowers please but donations if desired to the Alzheimer's Disease Society, Gordon House, 10 Greencoat Place, London SW1P 1PH.

LONGMORE - On February 18th 1993, suddenly at his home, Nigel, K.St.J., Deputy Lieut. of Hertfordshire. Beloved father of Alexandra, beloved son of Margot Longmore, brother of Anne and Audrey, husband of the late Jane. Private cremation service. Memorial Service will be announced at a later date.

MACPHERSON - On Wednesday February 17th 1993, Douglas, suddenly but peacefully at Torbay Hospital surrounded by his family. Adored and devoted husband of Nancy and dearly loved father of John, Paul, Marie, David, Jane and Andrew and loving grandfather to fourteen children. Thanksgiving Mass at Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh, Devon, on Monday February 22nd 1993 at 2 pm followed by family interment at St Mary's Cemetery, Buckfast. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to St Loyes College Foundation for the Disabled, Topsham Road, Exeter, EX2 6EP.

MARCUSON - On February 18th, peacefully at home, Mavis, beloved wife of Basil, mother of Simon, aunt of Lesley. Funeral Hoop Lane Jewish Cemetery, Friday 19th at 2 pm.

MASON - On February 17th, in London, Aubrey York Mason F.R.C.S. Loved husband of Margaret, father of Michael and David. Funeral private, family only.

MORRELL - On February 17th, in Lymington, Arthur Harwood Mackinder, aged 89, husband of the late Grace Morrell and father of Robert and Angela. All enquiries to F.W. House Funeral Directors, Lymington, Hants. tel: (0590) 673142.

MORRIS - On Wednesday February 17th 1993, Geoffrey Christopher, aged 87, Fellow of King's College, Cambridge. Beloved and loving husband of Helen, father of Ann Dizikes and Charles. Funeral Service, Cambridge City Crematorium on Wednesday February 24th at 12 noon. A Memorial Service to be announced. Family flowers only please but donations if wished may be made for the upkeep of King's College Chapel, cheques payable to King's College, Cambridge.

NOAKES - On Tuesday 16th February 1993, peacefully in a Hove nursing home after a short illness, His Honour Sidney Henry aged 88. Funeral Service at Woodvale Crematorium on Wednesday 24th February at noon. Flowers, if desired, to Bakers Funeral Directors, 60 Church Road, Portslade, Brighton BN41 1LF.

PHILIPP-LOWENSTEIN - On February 16th 1993, one week after her 90th birthday, after an illness bravely borne, Ellen passed away peacefully. The funeral has taken place.

ROBERTSON - Dr. Robert Pitcairn ("Pit") of Redhill, Surrey; late of Amble, Northumberland. Peacefully at Harestone Marie Curie Centre, Caterham, after a long illness. Loving husband of Ann and father of Sandy, Pat, John and Dinah. Funeral Service Wednesday 24th February at 2.15 pm at Redhill United Reformed Church, Shaw's Corner, Redhill, followed by cremation at Surrey & Sussex Crematorium. Flowers to Stoneman Funeral Directors, Doran Court, Reigate Road, Redhill. Donations to Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, 28 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QG.

SLACK - On February 17th, peacefully in hospital in London, Kate, aged 58 years, dear wife of Tim and mother of Caroline, Henry, Louisa and Rebecca. Service at 12 on Tuesday 23rd February in Hambledon Church, Hampshire. Thanksgiving Service at Bedales at a later date. Family flowers only, please, but donations if desired, to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

SPEIGHT - On 17th February, peacefully in hospital, Marjorie, aged 94, Widow of Raymond, much loved mother of Sheila and Richard, grandmother of Patrick, Alistair and Fiona. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Weston, Bath, on Friday 26th February at 2.15 pm followed by cremation at Haycombe. Flowers to W.F. Dolman & Son, 9 Walcot Terrace, Bath.

STEPHENS - On February 16th 1993, peacefully in hospital, Margaret Helen Stephens (Stevie) of Ealing, aged 90. Much loved aunt and great-aunt to the Stephens and Reid families. Formerly of A.D. Peters. Funeral at All Saints Church, Ealing, at 10.30 am on Friday February 26th. No flowers please but donations if desired to Trinity Hospice, Clapham Common, London SW4. Enquiries to (0490) 69753.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

SILSOE - A Service for interment of the ashes of Margaret Lady Silsoe (Maisie) will be held at St James Church, Silsoe, Bedfordshire, on 3rd March at 3 pm. Enquiries and flowers to Neville Funeral Service, Luton, tel: (0582) 574902.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

TODD - A Memorial Service for Stanley Todd will be held in St John's Church, Old Coulsdon, at noon on 6th March.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

JORDAN LAWRENCE - (Bill), 19th February 1991, in Italy. Et in Arcadia ego. With my love as always, Mary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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KAYE - The memorial stone in loving memory of the late Sidney Kaye will be consecrated at Bushey Jewish Cemetery, Little Bushey Lane, Herts, on Sunday, February 28th at 9.30 am.

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OBITUARIES

JAN GROSSMAN

Jan Grossman, Czechoslovak theatre director, died in Prague on February 11 aged 67. He was born on May 23, 1925.

OF ALL the good men who survived the miserable 40 years of communism in Czechoslovakia — years which broke or corrupted many fine Czechs and Slovaks — few emerged with a more unblemished record than Jan Grossman. As director of the drama company at the Theatre on the Balustrade, Grossman was at the heart of the spiritual, cultural and intellectual life of Prague during the dark days of communist rule and was a close associate of Václav Havel, the playwright and eventual president of Czechoslovakia, who started his career in the theatre as a stage-hand in 1960.

During the Nazi occupation Jan Grossman worked with the literary underground. After 1948, forbidden to publish by the communists, he went to work in the theatres. Thrown out of Prague after 1968, he accepted subordinate posts in third-rate provincial theatres. And yet, by some transcending power, he managed to turn these humiliations to the good. Had he not been forced out of literature, Europe would have lost a theatrical genius supremely able to transform intellectual ideas into visual images. His work in the provinces helped to fire the movement in the theatre which led to the actors' support for the "gentle revolution" of November 1989. But this was not without cost. By the mid-1980s, when his fortunes slowly began to mend, Grossman was already seriously ill with heart and liver complaints, and an eye condition which left him almost blind.

Before the second world war, Jan Grossman attended the English grammar school in Prague, where he learnt to speak a gentle, idiomatic English which was more fluent than he often pretended. During the German occupation he belonged to the illegal *Hnutí za svobodu* ("Movement for Freedom"): in 1943 he published the first of many articles. When the universities re-opened he studied literature and aesthetics at the Charles University; at the same time he worked first as editor of the newspaper *Mladá fronta*, and then at the National Theatre.

In 1954, after leaving the National Theatre, Grossman directed what he considered to be the first in his own line of theatre direction. The play was



Grossman in rehearsal with his wife, the actress Marie Málková

Hagenbeck, an early — political — play by the 1920s poet Fráňa Srámek. The unfinished, aggressive nature of its writing represented for Grossman "work in progress" which needed confrontation with an audience.

Two years later Grossman was allowed to publish again, and joined *Ceskoslovensky spisovatel* as an editor. From 1959 he worked for Alfréd Radok's Laterna magika, and in 1962 he replaced Ivan Vyskočil as director of the drama company at the Theatre on the Balustrade.

Grossman took the resources of this unpredictable experimental theatre — whose staff included the young writer Václav Havel — and mounted a series of acclaimed productions which included Czechoslovak premieres of Beckett and Ionesco, adaptations of Kafka and Jarry, and new plays by Václav Havel and other young Czechs. Some of them Grossman directed himself; for the others he invited directors of standing such as Otomar Krejča and Václav Hudeček. Although the stage was tiny and wing space virtually non-existent, the designers who worked there included Josef Svoboda and the surrealist painter Libor Fára.

Of the productions which Grossman directed himself, the best remembered are his adaptation of Alfred Jarry's *Ubu roi* (1964); Václav Havel's *Memorandum* (1965); and his dramatisation of Franz Kafka's *The Trial* (1966). Although none of them was overtly political, all of them challenged the audience with the picture of a corrupted society governed by a system devoid of values, whose only concern was its own perpetuation (as with Jarry's "pataphysical machines"). From its inception and throughout the 1960s, the Theatre on the Balustrade was a place not only for performances but also for discussion and debate.

In Czechoslovakia, the theatre has always been of national importance. It was not out of place to discuss there the nature of freedom (*Ubi roi*); the reasons for conformism (*The Memorandum*); and the psychology of guilt (*The Trial*).

The summer which preceded the Soviet invasion of August 1968 was tense and uneasy. As a result of an internal dispute at the theatre, Grossman resigned; his wife, the actress Marie Málková left with him, as did Václav Havel and other theatre members. Over the next 20 years Grossman, like other free spirits, was harassed and humiliated; often by petty bureaucrats who cared nothing for his political views, but wanted to be in favour with their masters. He was still held in esteem by the theatre people themselves, and theatre directors in provincial towns persisted in obtaining permission for him to work there. By the mid-1980s, the "grey zone" — people in official positions who were in sympathy with the "unofficial" culture — was growing stronger, and in May 1989, in a belated reconciliation, Grossman returned to the Theatre on the Balustrade to direct Molière's *Don Juan*, as a fierce attack on self-interest and hypocrisy.

Ironically, it was Miroslav Štěpán, the Prague Communist Party boss who was to be toppled later that year, who said at the first night: "This country needs more productions of this kind."

Grossman's home on Gottwald (later Masaryk) Quay by the Vltava was a few yards away from Václav Havel's and they remained good friends. After the "velvet revolution" of November 1989 Grossman's production of Havel's *Largo desolato* and *Temptation* at the Theatre on the Balustrade were celebrations of the new regime — but also warnings that the future might not be as carefree as some supposed. Grossman was appointed artistic director of the Theatre on the Balustrade, where freedom brought its own problems of finance and internal feuding. Physically he depended on Marie Málková (his wife for over thirty years) but his mental energy blazed as fiercely as ever.

GEOFFREY HOUGHTON BROWN

Geoffrey Houghton Brown, artist and decorator, died on February 3 aged 89. He was born in Wimbledon on April 12, 1903.

GEOFFREY Houghton Brown, was the gentlest of men, self-deprecating to a fault. But in his paintings he could be surprisingly powerful, and he was a decorator of genius.

In the late 1920s and 1930s he executed a number of wall paintings and decorative schemes in restaurants and private houses: the Ice Club, the Blue Train Restaurant, the Five Hundred Club, a Pompeian bathroom for Edward James, a dining-room for the Marquess of Dufferin and Ava, rooms for the Marquesa Malacreda, Syrie Maugham, Nigel Playfair and Noël Coward. He was a partner in Cotter's Market, which sold furniture painted with his modernist designs.

Houghton Brown went to school at Rugby. He was not happy there but even as a schoolboy he painted exotic scenes from literature and legend in a manner that would now be assumed to be Art Deco. In Paris he studied with Maurice Denis, in London at the Slade. He also studied in Rome. He was received into the Roman Catholic Church in 1924.

The paintings of his maturity are, with few exceptions, religious in subject. He was a member of the Guild of Catholic Artists, an organisation which brought together talents as different as those of Eric Gill and Glyn Philpot. For its journal, *Art Notes*, Houghton Brown wrote several short articles, and there are paintings by him illustrating the articles of others. He lived in an age, he wrote in 1939, when "the dominant influence on the culture of the Church is a man in the street, the practical man. Finance and central heating are more important than the symbolic beauty of God's house. The House of Prayer has come to be looked upon as God's business house or surgery."

However, this did not stop him from believing that painters of his generations were "in a position to restore to Christendom a great deal of the imaginative, intellectual and spiritual expression which were lost to her by the rise of Naturalism". His own style was loosely described at the time as being of the Picasso school: it showed the influence both of Byzantine art and contemporary Italian painting.

In the spring of 1945 he was involved in the setting-up of a Church Decorators' Society. Conrad Pepler, Dunstand Pruden and Joan Morris were other founder members who hoped to be allowed to use the great opportunities for the development of sacred art that the re-building and re-decoration of destroyed and damaged buildings presented. Houghton Brown was to see not only many of these opportunities wasted but the destruction of good work that had survived.

Houghton Brown exhibited in group shows at the Leicester, Leger and Mayor Galleries and he held one-man exhibitions at St Michael's Workshop in Oxford in 1942 and at Joan Morris's Ebury Street Gallery in 1946. The Church he was so anxious to serve showed little interest, then or later. Typical was a telephone call from one of the Catholic cathedrals: "Will you please come and take your painting away? It's very big and nobody likes it."

Father Martin D'Arcy, who opened his London exhibition, bought a painting for Campion Hall. A panel in tempera of the life of Saint Neot is in the Catholic church in St Neot's, Cambridgeshire. It was presented by Houghton Brown. For him the consequences of Vatican II were a devastating extension of a philistinism he already knew well. He remained a Catholic, with the occasional despairing



smile or shaking of the head. For a time he was chairman of the Latin Mass Society.

Although not a man of great wealth, Houghton Brown had sufficient means to buy — and, in some cases, save from demolition — a succession of town and country houses, which he then restored, adapted and embellished vigorously. Among them were Clouds and Wren's Winslow Hall.

Houghton Brown was both too loyal and too shy to make gossip of the distinguished and amusing people he had known. It would not have been possible for him to have written a memoir. But the few stories that escaped him were always to the point and often surprising to the hearer — Viva King, saying loudly, at a tea-party: "Geoffrey, you're not here to enjoy yourself, go and talk to Ivy" (Ivy being the not yet so famous Miss Compton-Burnett).

In the minds of those who were privileged to know him, in the surroundings he created for himself, Houghton Brown will seem in time not an anachronism as he sometimes thought himself but a rarity not to be met with again, fabulous, like the unicorn.

DAVID CURLING

David Curling, former advertising account executive and yachtsman, died in St Lucia on January 27 aged 69. He was born in Battersea on May 9, 1923.

AFTER he left Gordonstoun in 1940, David Curling's atrophied left arm, caused by a kick from a pony when he was seven years old, thwarted his ambition to get into the Royal Navy. So he signed on with the T124X Reserve of merchant seamen, normally assigned to such unexciting duties as manning boom defences. But Curling got himself onto an armed merchant Cruiser as an ordinary telegraphist, spent years escorting convoys, mostly in the South Atlantic or Indian Ocean and gained a commission.

After the war Curling joined the advertising agency J. Walter Thompson and remained with them for 38 years. His ability to keep clients happy and well-served resulted in him being chosen to handle some of their most abrasive and megalomaniac customers.

But he also had a taste for the modest. He persuaded the agency to take on the Trustee Savings Bank as a client when their projected billing of £15,000 was far below JWT's acceptable minimum, and one of the clearing banks was already a major client. Before he retired in 1983 he saw the account grow well into seven figures. For the next five years he was a consultant to Saatchi & Saatchi.

Soon after the war Curling had had to endure a year's enforced idleness in Switzerland to recover from tuberculosis. Then, in 1968, he survived major surgery for the removal of a lung when the disease recurred. In spite of these setbacks, to the end he left younger men gasping at his endurance, whether shooting over rough terrain or sailing offshore in vile weather, always making light of discomfort or danger.

The many charitable and other organisations to which David Curling freely gave his time reflected his interests and included the King George's Fund for Sailors, Sadler's Wells Theatre and St Bartholomew's Hospital. He was also chairman of his local parish council at Coleshill for 23 years and, in 1980-1, was High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire.

Curling was a member of the Royal Ocean Racing Club for nearly 50 years and was elected to the Royal Yacht Squadron a century after his grandfather had become the first parson in its membership. Throughout, he continued to indulge his abiding passion for offshore racing and cruising all over the North Atlantic.

He is survived by his wife, Marigold, one son and a daughter.

MERVYN DENNISON

Mervyn William Dennison, CBE, MC, DL, a former president of the Court of Appeal in Zambia, died on January 12 aged 78. He was born on July 13, 1914.

MERVYN Dennison was a hero of Arnhem, where he won the Military Cross in September 1944 before being seriously wounded and taken prisoner. Throughout his peacetime career as a lawyer, the army was to remain his second love.

Although he enlisted in the Royal Ulster Rifles when war broke out, Dennison was soon transferred to The Parachute Regiment and fought with the 1st Battalion of the Red Berets in North Africa and throughout Sicily and Italy.

By the time of Arnhem he was a major commanding "A" company of the 3rd battalion, which had been dropped to the west of the town. Under heavy fire from the vastly superior German forces, he led two platoons of his men against three machine gun posts before being given the job of protecting the battalion's rear as it fought its way towards Arnhem and its bridge over the Rhine.

But Dennison and his troops became cut off and in the deteriorating situation had to battle their way back to rejoin their battalion, using their reserve stocks of ammunition. His outstanding courage and the leadership he showed then were referred to in his MC citation. His more immediate reward, however, was a German bullet which travelled along the barrel of his sten gun, smashing into first his left hand, then his right, damaging tendons which never fully regained their strength.

Dennison then became one of 6,000 allied troops who were taken prisoner at Arnhem (nearly half of them wounded) and was incarcerated at Spangenburg Castle, a moated fortress on the top of a rock to the east of Kassel. He spent only six months as a prisoner-of-war. In March 1945, as the Allies advanced, the Germans prepared to evacuate the castle. As they marched their column of PoWs out, Dennison and one of his subalterns slipped away, while their comrades helped to confuse the German guard dogs by blowing cigarette smoke in their faces. He managed to find his way to the US lines from where he was repatriated to Britain, and ended the war with The Parachute Regiment in Dorset.

Born in Cork, the son of a Methodist minister, Mervyn Dennison had gone to the Methodist College, Belfast, then to Queen's University, where he read, first, modern languages and then law. One benefit from his time at Spangenburg was that he took his Bar finals in captivity, sitting his papers with the help of the Red Cross.

Called to the Bar in Northern Ireland in 1945, he joined the colonial legal service two years later and left to become a



crown counsel in what was then Northern Rhodesia. Appointed a QC in Northern Rhodesia in 1960, he became a high court judge in the new Zambia in 1961, then chief justice and president of the court of appeal. He also served as chairman of the Road Service Board in Northern Rhodesia and as a member of the Central African Air Authority.

But by 1967 Dennison had had enough. As political pressures mounted on the judiciary and as unrest grew following the creation of a one-party state, he resigned to return to his native Ireland.

Several leading legal authorities in Ulster would have liked him to join the bench there. But this might have proved an unpopular appointment, given the competition among lawyers in the province, so he settled for a job as clerk to Fermanagh County Council, where he stayed for six years. He was there when the troubles broke out in Northern Ireland and, during one big civil rights march in the late 1960s was besieged and barricaded in his Enniskillen office by protesters.

In 1973 he retired for the second time, to become chief commissioner for the Planning Appeals Commission and water appeals commissioner until 1973, then chairman of the Industrial Tribunals in Northern Ireland, 1981-84.

He was made a JP and a deputy lieutenant, a member of the Senate of Queen's University and a governor of his old school, the Methodist College. He was also a Knight Commander of the Order of St John.

He retained his personal friendship with President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia. When Kaunda's son was a Sandhurst cadet, he spent his holidays with the Dennisons at their family home in Ulster.

But his military experience mattered most to him. It was said that spiritually he never left the army. While in Africa he became honorary colonel of the Zambia Regiment and founded the Central African branch of the Parachute Regiment Association. As president of the association in Northen Ireland, he turned it into one of the most thriving worldwide branches and the 1st Battalion of The Parachute Regiment, serving in Ulster, repaid the compliment by giving him a full military funeral.

A big, energetic and humorous man, 6ft 6ins tall, he even enlisted as special constable in the Royal Ulster Constabulary, where he was usually addressed as "Constable Dennison, sir". But in recent years he was happiest at home, fishing (sometimes in pyjamas and dressing gown) from the private lough at the bottom of his garden.

Mervyn Dennison is survived by his wife, Helen, and by their son and daughter.

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GERMAN TREASON PENALTIES

BEHEADING OF TWO WOMEN

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT
BERLIN, Feb. 18

An official statement issued this afternoon says that the People's Court, with its majority of lay judges "experienced in combating subversive activities," on Saturday pronounced sentence of death for the betrayal of military secrets on two Berlin women, Frau Benita von Falkenhayn (known until the annulment of her marriage in prison as Frau Benita von Berg) and Frau Renate von Natzmer. Herr Hitler refrained from exercising his prerogative of reprieve and the women were executed this morning in Plötzensee Prison in the north of Berlin. The other defendants, the Polish Captain Georg von Sosnowski and Fraulein Irene von Jena, were sentenced to penal servitude for life.

The official announcement does not say how the women were executed, but it was stated, in reply to inquiries, that "the legal method is beheading by the hand-axe, and this method was probably used".

ON THIS DAY

February 19 1935

States tend to take a very severe view of those found guilty of treason but this method of executing two women in Germany, after an apparently unpublished trial, makes chilling reading.

This announcement, published in the late afternoon and placarded on the advertisement columns, brings to the mass of the public the first news of this treason and espionage trial. No details of the charges and no reports of the trial have been published.

The Press, inspired by a central source, commends the justice of the verdict and holds it up as a warning to all.

While this is the beginning and end of the affair for the general public, it has long been a subject of discussion in the social, diplomatic and political circles of Berlin. Captain von Sosnowski is a Polish officer. The annulment in prison of the second marriage of Frau von Berg (whose maiden name was von Zollikofer-Altenklingen) was said to have been effected in the hope that she might be allowed to marry him in prison, thus obtaining Polish nationality. Captain von Sosnowski is said to have refused the chance of exchange with a German subject held on an espionage charge in Poland.

Frau von Natzmer and Fraulein von Jena, according to credible report, were employees of the Defence Ministry. Current conjecture has it that they disposed of documents which came into their hands in the course of their duties there and that expenditure beyond their known means called attention to them.

Nazi Procession To Jewess's House

An enormous procession headed by a band and a man bearing a long pole from which dangled a pair of old shoes marched through Stettin, the capital of Pomerania, on Sunday. The object of this strange parade, arranged by the local National Socialists, was to return a gift that had been made to the Nazi winter relief fund. The donor in this case was a Jewess, alleged to live in comfort on the income from ample investments. She was not at home when the callers arrived and the shoes were with ceremony tied to her balcony.

SENIOR CITIZENS

A generation that counts

At the start of the European Year of Older People, Clare Hogg considers the growing power of the over-50s



Happily ever after: better health and greater wealth mean that many older people today have more freedom than ever before

This year has been designated the European Year of Older People and Solidarity between Generations. The three main aims of the year are to "raise awareness of the issues of ageing"; to "promote positive images of older people"; and "to promote a closer relationship between generations".

Awareness certainly needs to be raised. Ageing is a process which is changing, mainly for the better. Older people live longer, have healthier lives, are becoming richer, are more independent and active, have better opportunities and greater support, and their "image", the way others react to them, is improving dramatically.

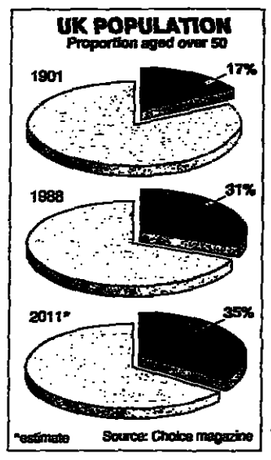
Force of numbers has done much to bring all this about. One in three Europeans are over 50 and this proportion is increasing. Many have more time and money than their predecessors. There is still a long way to go, however. About a third of pensioners are at or below the official poverty line and another quarter struggle to stay 20 per cent above the line, and so are unable to claim benefits.

But the wealth which is concentrated in the top third is spreading down. These people are benefiting from private pension plans. They belong to the first generation to have fewer siblings, so their inheritance prospects are good. Because of this, and the rising levels of home ownership, more have profited from the property boom of the 1980s.

For example, 89 per cent of readers of *Choice* magazine, which aims at this sector of the "grey" market, own their own homes, and 61 per cent own their homes outright. *Choice*'s readers have an average annual income of £17,500, and, as advertisement director Cathy Torpey points out: "Consider: no children, no mortgage, no school fees, good inheritance prospects. This is a grossly underrated market."

It may be underrated, but this market is not a pushover. Not only do its members have the time to ferret out the best deals, the pre-war generations insist on value for money. They are consumers who are advertising literate and street-wise. And, as one marketer comments: "They hate being marketed to as 'old', or being patronised. They usually identify more with their children than with their parents."

Indeed, older people hate being patronised by anyone. A survey published last month by the European Community showed that "older people do not want to be referred to as 'the elderly' but favour instead 'older people'". The problem of the negative image of older people is being aggressively tackled by Age Concern, which last month launched an advertising campaign which aims to stop the use of such derogatory expressions as "old codger" and "stupid old cow".



As the actress Sheila Hancock said, at the launch of the EC Year: "I am not flattered when complimented on looking young for my age. I earned every one of these lines and I'm damned if I'll cover them with make-up." Stereotype casting of older people in everything from soap operas to television commercials is causing growing protest.

It is a voice which is increasingly heard. According to the EC survey, "a significant minority of older people would join an age-specific political party", and, even more interesting, "the general public think that older people do not play full enough roles in either political life or the media".

Many companies, which even in today's bleak economy are short of skilled, reliable workers, are reassessing their policy regarding employing older workers.

Older people are both able and willing to play a more active role. Physically they are better off than ever before. According to Dr John Fox of the Office of Population, Censuses and Surveys, "there have been very substantial changes in trends in mortality in the course of this century". A man born in 1911 would have had a life expectancy of 50. Baby boys are now expected to live to 73.

Most major infectious and respiratory diseases have been overcome, and even the number of deaths due to heart disease and cancer are dropping. Great advances have been made into research into less serious physical complaints. Older people have less reason to be fobbed off by disinterested GPs with the explanation: "It's your age."

They are likely also to be better prepared to enjoy their extra years. According to Emily Grundy, a reader at the Age Concern Institute of Gerontology at Kings College, more older people than ever will be married with families, and "as yet they have not been affected by the rising divorce rate".

The prognosis is good, and a successful European Year of Older People and Solidarity between Generations will make it even rosier. Older people are likely to become richer, healthier and happier. They will be more active and more influential. And they will have the luxury of the time to enjoy it all.

● *European Year of Older People and Age Concern: 081-679 8000*

Make your money go the distance

Many people on pensions need to maximise their returns, says Helen Pridham

Recent interest rate cuts have been bad news for retired people. They have seen their income from building society accounts, bank deposits and National Savings plummet over the past two years. During 1990, gross rates on building society accounts averaged 12.85 per cent, but today savers are lucky if they can get half that.

Although evidence suggests that increasing numbers of older people have some savings when they reach retirement, the amounts are often modest. The NOP, Financial Research Survey found that 80 per cent of people aged over 65 in 1992 had some savings. More than half have a building society account.

But, a recent report on pensioners' assets by the Policy Studies Institute found that only 20 per cent of retired men aged 65-69 have savings of more than £10,000, while 19 per cent have between £3,000 and £10,000. The largest proportion — 33 per cent — have less than £3,000.

Sally Greengross, the director of Age Concern, says that many older people are becoming increasingly concerned because they feel the savings which they thought would tide them through their retirement are likely to be exhausted sooner than they expected.

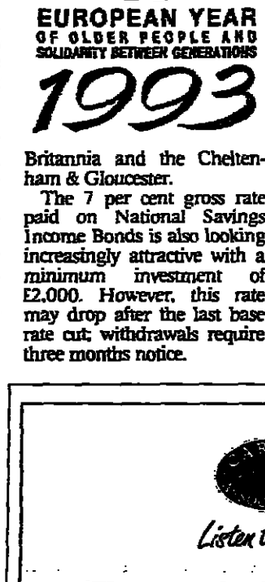
Many older people are now trying to find better deals than those offered by building societies. However, Tim Knight, the Bradford & Bingley building society's direct financial planning arm, says: "There is no simple answer. Many retired people will just have to grin and bear a fall in their living standards because they really have no choice but to leave their money in the risk-free environment of the building society."

If they are non-taxpayers, he says, "it is probably best to stay put. Others may want to look further afield for part of their capital but they will have to accept that higher yields are likely to mean taking a risk that their capital could fall in value, at least in the short term."

On a more positive note, however, Mr Knight points out: "Those who can afford to take some risk could reap the rewards in the long run as returns on shares have generally proved better than building society investments over five years or more."

A first step for all retired people should be to make sure that the money they are keeping in a building society is earning the best rate possible. At the moment though it is difficult to compare rates because many societies have still not announced their new rates after the last base rate cut.

Particularly worth considering is the relatively new concept of the building society postal account. Lower overheads enable competitive rates to be offered on these arrangements. Money can normally be withdrawn by return of post and monthly income facilities are offered by some such as the Birmingham Midshires, the Britannia and the Cheltenham & Gloucester.



The 7 per cent gross rate paid on National Savings Income Bonds is also looking increasingly attractive with a minimum investment of £2,000. However, this rate may drop after the last base rate cut; withdrawals require three months notice.

A comprehensive guide to the up-to-date rates on all building society accounts, including postal accounts, and other fixed interest investments is contained in a monthly survey carried out by *Moneyfacts* (for a complimentary copy call 0692 500677).

Cash unit trusts are another alternative worth considering for investors who want capital security. Investment in these funds normally starts at £500 or £1,000 and they are at present offering yields of about 6 per cent. They are run by companies such as the Prudential and Fidelity, who pool investors cash and make £1 million-plus deposits with the big banks which attract high rates of interest.

Most other investments involve some capital risk. Personal Equity Plans can provide a tax-free income which matches, or in some cases exceeds, building society rates. They normally invest in shares through unit trusts or investment trusts although both M & G and Fidelity have recently launched monthly-income PEPs which include a substantial exposure to fixed interest stocks in order to give greater security. The minimum investment in both is £1,000. M&G's plan offers an estimated gross yield of 5 per cent. At Fidelity the estimated starting yield is 6 per cent.

Many financial advisers are keen to recommend insurance bonds. However, with a few exceptions, such as the Sun Life Distribution Bond, most are designed as a capital investment rather than to provide an income. Taking an income can deplete the capital; and bonds can go down in value.

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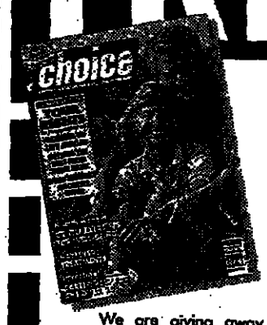
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When life is just one long holiday

Older travellers with the time and inclination to pack their bags and see the world are becoming increasingly adventurous. Clare Hogg reports on a growing market.

The market for older people is supposed to be the most staid and boring part of the travel industry, says Roger de Haan, chairman of Saga Holidays, a company which specialises in providing holidays for people over 60. "That couldn't be more wrong. Each new year of retirees brings in customers who are more demanding than ever. They are the most sophisticated travellers in the market place."

He is in good position to comment. His father set up the company "organising seaside holidays for retired miners and steelworkers at a cost of £6.50 a week. Many didn't have suitcases, they arrived with their belongings in brown paper parcels."

Saga still offers cheap seaside holidays, but it also offers cross-country skiing in Austria, trekking in the Himalayas, and a chance to see the migrating wildlife of the Masai Mara in Africa. It also offers an impressive array of study and activity holidays, including oversubscribed holidays for "drivers who have lost their confidence".

The wealthier one-third of pensioners take an average of three short breaks and two long holidays a year. Over the past 20 years the numbers of those taking two annual holidays have doubled, and those taking three have trebled. Those taking holidays overseas have also more than doubled.

What are the requirements of this market? They are an enormously diverse group. Some holidaymakers like to be accompanied by a courier all the way, others are more independent. However, older people are much more interested in exploring a region than they are in sitting on a beach nurturing a tan. As Mr de Haan explains: "We assume our customers are interested in the culture and heritage of the place they are visiting."

Not everyone goes on holiday to extend or improve themselves. Some are aiming to unwind and relax. Neil McKay was given some tickets to go on a ten-day Celebrity Cruise between New York and the Bahamas.

"I was horrified, it was not my scene at all. I am a cynical ex-advertising director and I had a vision of lots of blue-rinsed ladies with diamonds ... and my wife was even less keen." Mr McKay was further appalled when, appropriately equipped with straw hat, he got to New York and saw a queue of American tourists waiting to board, all clad in garish shorts.





Brian and Nancy Sturt: favourite destination

Then things got better. "I liked the design of almost everything, but particularly the ship itself. It was small enough so that I didn't have the impression of being in a vast monolith, yet large enough that you could get away if you wanted to. And," says Mr McKay, still with some surprise, "the rooms really were very pleasant."

He was also amazed by the standard of both the food and the service "which was immediate". When the ship came to port, everything was laid on for those who wanted to take advantage of it, "someone had obviously sat down and thought the whole thing through with infinite care".

Daphne McKay is even more of a convert. What did she like most about it? "After years of family holidays in Scotland I liked being totally pampered — and not having to cook."

Their experience is an example of how much the travel industry is adapting to the changing demands of the market. Many are trying out new things, and venturing to new places. But it would be a mistake to think this was representative of the whole picture. Many people, such as Brian and Nancy Sturt, for example, prefer to go back to the same peaceful, comfortable place year after year.

Mrs Sturt first went to the Seeburg Hotel in Lucerne, Switzerland, with her parents. "It was the first time I ever went abroad, the first year we were allowed to go after the war — it was like fairyland," she recalls. She took her husband and later their children there for their first overseas trips. Then, one summer their son was killed in an accident in Lucerne and for some time they did not return. But they missed the hotel, and in the end, with some trepidation, they went back. "It was the best thing we ever did," recalls Mrs Sturt.

Why do the Sturts keep going back? "A lot of people do. The Seeburg has a great pull, it's in a bit of a time warp. There's a great sense of peace here. It's like home from home really. And my husband enjoys the dancing."

Whether you are looking for excitement and adventure, or for peace and familiarity, the choices open to older people going on holiday have never been greater than they are now.

● *Details: Saga Holidays: 0800 414 383; Trekking in the Himalayas costs £1,569 for 15 nights. Celebrity Cruises: 071-588 2598; ten-day Caribbean cruise costs between £1,000 and £2,690. Hotel Seeburg: 010 4141 311 922; £43-£47 per person per day for four course dinner, bed and breakfast.*

The over-55s can enjoy retirement housing with leisure facilities, says Rachel Kelly



TIM CUFF

When you're smiling: residents at The Priory enjoying one of their twice-weekly lunches. Older people increasingly expect a high quality of life

Home is where the action is

From a distance, The Priory, near the village of Abbotskerswell, in Devon, looks much like a country house hotel. The listed building has a gothic-style clock tower and a white brick extension, guests seem to be playing croquet on the lawn, and a visitor half expects to see a large sign declaring it to be part of a smart hotel group.

Yet, as the visitor draws nearer, it becomes clear that the "guests" are surprisingly elderly. This is a retirement home with a difference: the latest of a new and stylish breed of homes for what Americans describe as "empty nesters" and what others term the "young elderly" or the "early pensioners".

Empty nesters are people aged over 55 who wish for fun in their semi-old age. "They are not in need of zimmer frames," says Howard Packman, from Sheltered Housing Services, a company which specialises in finding retirement homes for clients. "The whole idea is to improve the quality of their lives. They want to enjoy themselves, are relatively active, want to be sociable, and do not need medical care."

According to Age Concern, there are ten million empty nesters over pensionable age, who are increasingly being catered for by developers such as English Courtyard, and Clennon Developments, the developer behind The Priory. Their schemes are the opposite of institutionalised care: more five star hotel than nursing home.

> 'Nowadays people who are 60 do not feel elderly at all. They want to enjoy themselves'

The Priory, where the minimum age for residents is 60, provides a range of extras over and above its 42 spacious apartments and cottages: a bowling green, croquet lawn, greenhouses, indoor heated swimming pool with a flow machine for extra therapeutic benefits; a mini-bus for shopping trips and theatre visits; plus a small shop.

There are 11 flats, with 300-year leases, still for sale. They range from one bedroom flats at about £90,000 to two bedroom flats for £145,000-£160,000. The service charge is £170 a month, which is relatively high, but that does include luxuries such as the swimming pool. Half a dozen of the cottages remain to be sold, priced from £155,000 to £168,000. What was the chapel is now a light airy restaurant and clubhouse, the setting for morning coffee, twice weekly lunches, concerts, and talks. Art groups and snooker take place in the restored chapter house.

Martin Proctor, from Clennon Developments, says: "We are aiming at the active retired. We do not provide the facilities for someone who needs constant direct nursing care." The development has a comprehensive alarm system and a resident caretaker.

Commander Christopher Morgan-Giles lives in a two-bedroom cottage at The Priory and describes himself as a "young 70". "We left our six-bedroom house on Dartmoor as the gardens became too big. I love it here. People enjoy themselves."

Mr Proctor developed his scheme after discussions with the Centre for Policy for the Ageing, a government advisory board. "We discussed how nowadays people of 60 don't feel elderly. It's important to allow them to enjoy the facilities of a retirement scheme without thinking they are one step from the grave."

Inevitably, those choosing a scheme such as The Priory may have to move later to a more traditional scheme with nursing facilities. "That's the downside," Mr Packman says. "There will be the inevitable disruption of moving twice." He adds: "A split is developing in the type of schemes now being developed: there are those like The Priory for the young elderly, and then the more traditional type of village scheme, with smaller flats, plus a residents' lounge, and round-the-clock nursing care on offer."

Such retirement villages offer services catering for everyone from the empty nesters to those reliant on zimmer frames. They have swimming pools for the 55-year-olds and doctors for the 85-year-olds.

Venn House, near Lamerton, Tavistock, is one such retirement village, with 16 sheltered cottages, a 25-room residential home, and a nursing care unit. Residents can move from little or no attention to fully comprehensive care, without leaving a place where they have developed friendships and ties.

● *Property for sale at The Priory through Fulfords: 0626 51951*

Seeking out support

Raymond Levy, professor of old age psychiatry at the Institute of Psychiatry, in south London, emphasises that "the vast majority of older people are fit and happy". But the later years of life are a period when many people are subject to exceptional levels of stress.

Bereavement is one major cause, as is retirement, which can bring with it, according to Professor Levy, a "lack of activity and a general disengagement". Physical disability and the consequences of memory disorders also result in emotional strain. All these factors can lead in turn to social isolation. And singly, or in combination they can all result in overt depression.

"It is a problem which is eminently treatable," says Professor Levy, "by the use of psychological and social techniques, as well as with anti-depressants." Elizabeth Mills, the director of Research into Ageing (071-236 4365), a medical charity that works to improve quality of life, says that part of the problem is that depression, which can also be caused by prescribed drugs, is often not diagnosed initially.

Loneliness is an additional problem. Forty per cent of those aged over 60 are widowed, divorced or single. One in three live on their own. A recent Gallup survey showed that a quarter of those aged over 65 frequently felt lonely, and one in ten said they had no friends excluding relatives.

"Crises of despair and hopelessness can be avoided," says Di Stubbs, a Samaritan counsellor, "by outsiders who identify a problem and give the time to listen. It's never easy getting older. It's a process of change " Older people, says Professor Levy, are not good at reaching out for help when they need it.

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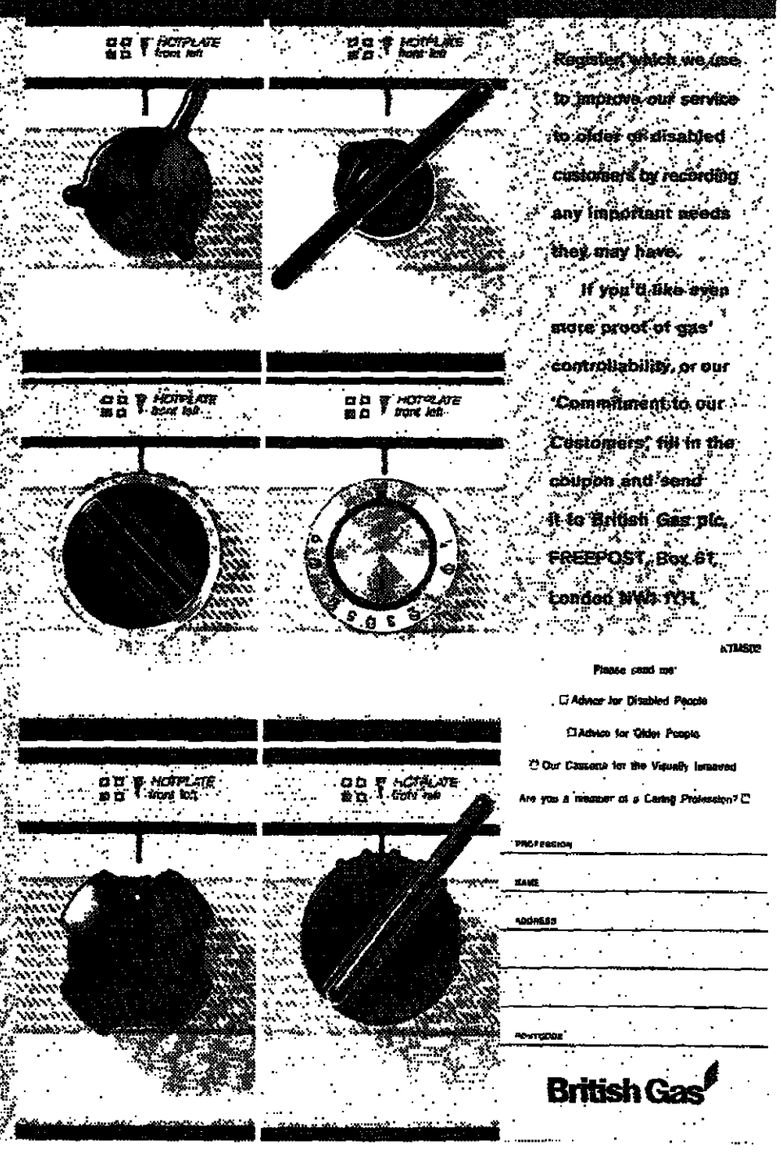
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Prince takes up ecological crusade

■ With his marriage all but over, the Prince of Wales has decided to bury himself in work and rededicate himself to his role as an ecological prophet. Although punished by jet lag, high altitude and foul air, the Prince ended his four-day visit to Mexico last night convinced that his future lies as a major player on the world environmental stage.....Page 1

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Detectives are convinced two-year-old James Bulger was murdered by the two boys who adbucted him. As the hunt concentrated on the Walton area of Liverpool, police revealed that a new witness had come forward who may have been the last person to see James alivePages 1, 3

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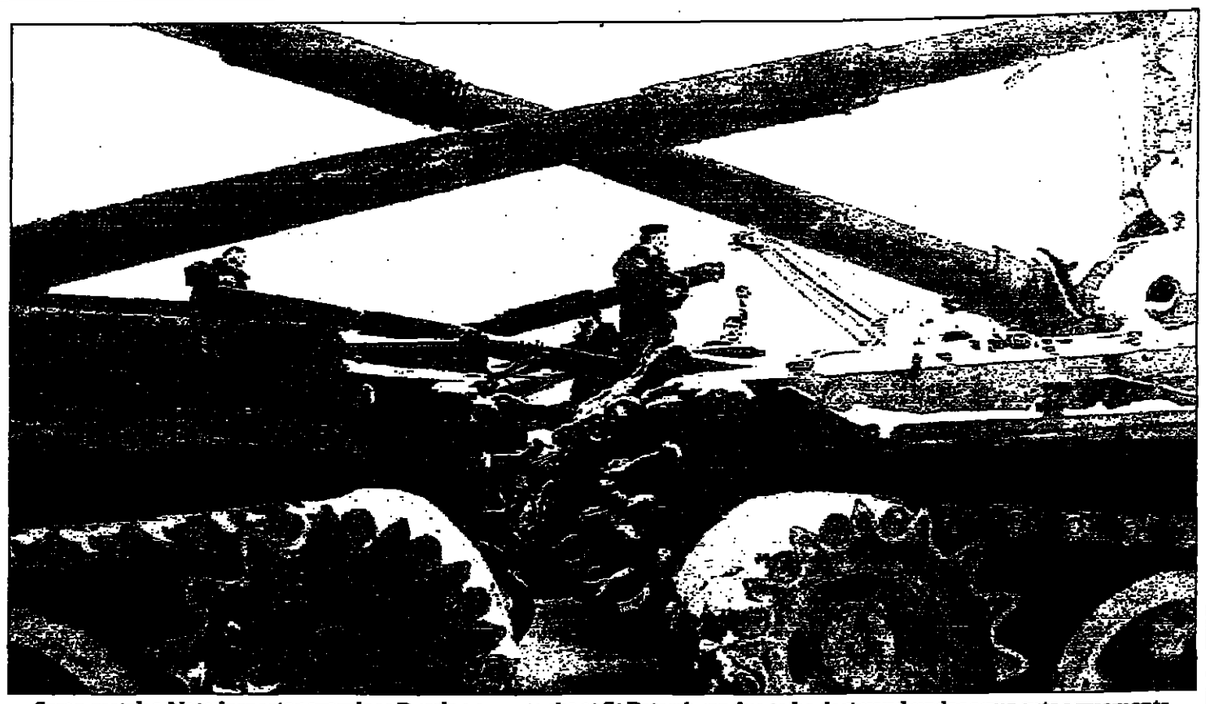
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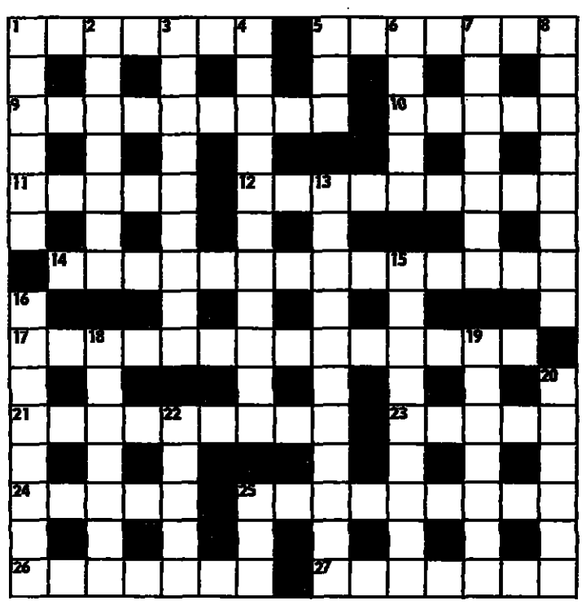
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10 Crone had change for a pound (5)
11 Court official using old public address system (5)
12 Sole, say — a fish that attracts a lot of interest (4,5)
14 Hit a photographer — an intrusive young fellow (14)
17 Fraud perpetrated by banking centre in financial dealings (6,8)
21 German is made to eat fast (9)
23 Arabs deliberating about camel? Unconventional, somewhat (5)
24 Brother accepts a hard master (5)
25 Having made speech, prepared to drive off (9)
26 For Blake, such Mills clearly no Boon (7)
27 Trimmed as judge, but decided three heads must roll (7)

DOWN

1 Await demand (6)
2 Foreign, but it sounds perfect (7)
3 Heliotrope may make her cry (6-3)
4 Jostle woman rudely — trying to steal this? (8-3)
5 Joined Frenchman, and translated for him (3)
6 Mongrel making rude noise (5)
7 What Cleopatra did to the enclosed reptile? (7)
8 For humiliated Oriental, it may be the final blow (4-4)
13 Almost size up game as a difficult proposition (5,6)
15 A man used a deformity to a disgusting extent (2,7)
16 Moment of stress (8)
18 Insect swallowed, do we hear, by Lolita? (7)
19 Puts down junior relative (7)
20 Honest, even if arrested by police? (6)
22 Not a very pastoral Pope? (5)
25 A Christian home for Joan (3)

Solution to Puzzle No 19,157

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WEATHER

Much colder and brighter day with strong winds in the north.

Wintry showers affecting Scotland will move down the eastern coast of England. The rest of England and Wales should remain mainly dry with sunny spells in sheltered areas. North Wales and Northern Ireland could become cloudy with isolated showers. Later in the evening cloud and rain will return to northwestern Scotland. Outlook: rain moving south followed by showers.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	14	57	s	Madrid	12	54	s
Akrotiri	15	59	s	Majorca	15	59	f
Alex'dria	17	63	s	Malaga	16	61	s
Algiers	10	50	r	Malta	13	55	f
Amst'dm	7	45	c	Melb'rne	24	75	s
Athens	8	46	f	Mexico C*	21	70	s
Bahrain	17	63	s	Miami*	28	82	s
Bangkok	31	88	f	Milan	9	48	s
Barbados*	28	82	s	Montreal*	-8	18	s
Barcelna	15	59	s	Moscow	-8	18	sn
Beirut	10	50	s	Munich	2	36	c
Belgrade	1	34	s	Naples	10	50	f
Berlin	4	39	c	N Delhi	24	75	s
Biarritz	10	50	c	N York*	4	39	s
Borde'x	10	50	c	Nice	13	55	s
Brussels	7	45	c	Oslo	0	32	f
Budapst	5	41	s	Paris	7	45	c
B Aires*	29	84	f	Peking	9	48	s
Cairo	20	68	s	Perth	28	79	s
Cape Tn	29	84	s	Prague	2	36	s
Chicago*	-10	14	s	Reykjavik	1	34	s
Ch'church	17	63	c	Rhodes	12	54	f
Cologne	6	43	c	Rio de J	29	84	s
C'phagn	4	39	c	Riyadh	20	68	f
Corfu	11	52	s	Rome	14	57	s
Dublin	8	46	c	Salzburg	4	39	c
Dubrovnik	12	54	f	S Friaco*	11	52	r
Faro	16	61	s	Santiago*	28	79	s
Florence	10	50	s	S Paulo*	27	81	c
Frankfurt	6	43	c	Seoul	6	43	s
Funchal	17	63	c	Sing'por	31	88	f
Geneva	5	41	c	St'kholm	1	34	c
Gibraltar	15	59	f	Strasb'rg	7	45	f
Helsinki	-3	27	s	Sydney	21	70	f
Hong K	18	64	s	Tangier	17	63	s
Innsbruck	5	41	s	Tel Aviv	17	63	f
Istanbul	4	39	s	Tenerife	21	70	s
Jeddah	26	82	s	Tokyo	14	57	c
Jo'burg*	16	61	r	Toronto*	-7	19	s
L Palmas	20	68	s	Tunis	13	55	f
Le Tquet	9	48	c	Valencia	15	59	s
Lisbon	13	55	s	Vanc'ver*	2	36	s
Locarno	9	48	s	Venice	5	41	s
London	9	48	c	Vienna	6	43	f
L Angels*	16	61	s	Warsaw	2	36	f
Luxembg	5	41	c	Wash'ton*	7	45	s
Luxor	25	77	s	Wellton	17	63	s
				Zurich	4	39	s

* denotes figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	4.4	-	11	52	bright
Anglesey	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Aviemore	0.5	-	11	52	bright
Belfast	X				
Birmingham	0.1	-	10	50	cloudy
Bognor Regis	0.6	-	12	54	cloudy
Bournemouth	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Bristol	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Buxton	1.1	0.01	9	48	cloudy
Cardiff	1.1	-	9	48	cloudy
Clacton	X				
Cromer	0.1	-	7	45	cloudy
Douglas	-	-	9	48	bright
Edinburgh	7.6	-	13	55	sunny
Eskdalemuir	7.5	-	11	52	sunny
Exmouth	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Falmouth	0.5	-	10	50	cloudy
Folkestone	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Glasgow	5.1	-	12	54	bright
Guernsey	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Hastings	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Hunstanton	X				
Jersey	-	-	9	48	drizzle
Kinloss	1.3	-	12	54	bright
Leeds	4.6	-	14	57	sunny
Lerwick	0.4	0.02	8	46	rain
Littlehampton	0.3	-	11	52	cloudy
Liverpool	-	-	8	46	drizzle
London	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Lowestoft	X				
Manchester	-	-	9	48	drizzle
Margate	X	-	9	48	dull
Morecambe	3.0	-	11	52	bright
Minehead	0.4	-	11	52	cloudy
Newcastle	6.9	-	13	55	sunny
Newquay	-	-	x		x/bright
Nottingham	3.2	-	12	54	sunny
Penzance	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Plymouth	5.0	-	12	54	sunny
Prestwick	0.8	0.01	10	50	cloudy
Saunton Snd	0.2	-	10	50	cloudy
Scarborough	0.3	-	11	52	cloudy
Scilly Isles	-	-	9	48	dull
Southend	-	-	10	50	dull
Southsea	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Stornoway	1.3	0.01	9	48	drizzle
Swanage	0.1	-	11	52	cloudy
Teignmouth	0.3	-	11	52	cloudy
Tenby	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Tiree	1.3	0.06	9	48	drizzle
Torquay	0.5	-	11	52	bright
Weymouth	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Wick	1.2	-	9	48	drizzle
Worthing	0.3	0.01	11	52	cloudy

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 10C (50F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Humidity: 6pm, 89 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Aboyne, Grampian, 11C (52F); lowest day max: Fair Isle 6C (43F) highest rainfall: Loch Glascarnoch, Highland, and Tulloch Bridge, Grampian, 0.3in; sun: Leuchars, Fife, 4.7hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 9C (48F); min 6pm to 6am, 6C (43F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.03in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

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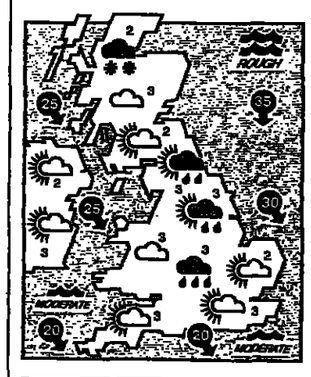
Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 9C (48F); min 6pm to 6am, 6C (43F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.02in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 1hr.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.20	2.00
Austria Sch	17.60	16.30
Belgium Fr	51.90	47.50
Canada $	1.94	1.78
Denmark Kr	9.60	8.90
Finland Mkk	9.12	8.32
France Fr	8.48	7.78
Germany Dm	2.51	2.31
Greece Dr	342.00	317.00
Hong Kong $	11.85	10.85
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Italy Lira	2385.00	2200.00
Japan Yen	191.00	172.00
Netherlands Gld	2.83	2.60
Norway Kr	10.65	9.85
Portugal Esc	228.00	210.00
South Africa Rd	5.30	4.60
Spain Pta	175.00	162.00
Sweden Kr	11.45	10.65
Switzerland Fr	2.31	2.13
Turkey Lira	14000.0	13000.0
USA $	1.543	1.42

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 5.23 pm to 7.05 am
Bristol 5.33 pm to 7.14 am
Edinburgh 5.26 pm to 7.26 am
Manchester 5.27 pm to 7.17 am
Penzance 5.47 pm to 7.24 am

Sun rises: 7.07 am
Sun sets: 5.23 pm
Moon rises 5.53 am
Moon sets 3.38 pm
New moon February 21

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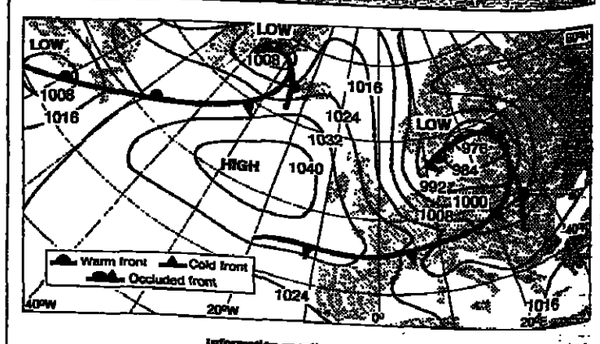
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	7	45	c	Guernsey	9	48	c
B'mngham	8	46	c	Inverness	6	43	f
Blackpool	7	45	c	Jersey	9	48	c
Bristol	9	48	c	London	9	48	c
Cardiff	8	46	d	M'nchster	7	45	c
Edinburgh	9	48	c	Newcastle	8	46	c
Glasgow	7	45	r	R'nldeway	7	45	c

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.19	6.4	12.50	6.7	Liverpool	10.05	8.6	10.31	8.5
Aberdeen	12.08	3.7	12.11	3.8	Lowestoft	8.41	2.2	8.30	2.3
Avonmouth	5.54	11.9	6.19	12.0	Margate	11.13	4.3	11.18	4.3
Belfast	9.48	3.3	10.16	3.1	Milford Haven	4.59	6.3	5.22	6.2
Cardiff	5.39	11.1	6.04	11.1	Newquay	3.52	6.3	4.14	6.2
Devonport	4.18	4.9	4.47	4.8	Oban	4.35	3.5	5.02	3.4
Dover	10.02	5.9	10.16	6.1	Penzance	3.20	4.9	3.47	4.8
Falmouth	3.48	4.7	4.17	4.8	Portland	5.28	1.7	5.55	1.8
Glasgow	11.54	4.5			Portsmouth	10.11	4.3	10.41	4.5
Harwich	10.44	3.7	10.59	3.6	Shoreham	10.02	5.5	10.31	5.7
Holyhead	9.15	5.1	9.43	5.0	Southampton	9.52	4.1	10.24	4.2
Hull	5.15	6.4	5.20	6.8	Swansea	5.01	8.5	5.22	8.5
Ilfracombe	4.48	8.3	5.11	8.2	Tees	2.34	4.6	2.43	4.6
King's Lynn	5.28	5.7	5.29	6.0	W'ton-on-Nze	10.41	3.8	10.54	3.8
Leith	1.27	4.9	1.37	5.0					

NOON TODAY



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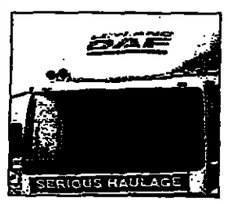


Glaxo, the pharmaceuticals giant, is sitting on a £1.5 billion cash pile after a healthy rise in first-half profits
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WEALTHY

A sharp drop in banking provisions helped Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank, to lift profits by 66 per cent last year
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The fate of 6,500 DAF truck workers hangs in the balance amid growing pressure on bankers to agree a refinancing
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THE POUND

US $ .....1.4410 (-0.0025)
German mark..2.3565 (+0.0076)
Exchange index.....76.7 (+0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .....2837.7 (+23.7)
Dow Jones .3324.08 (+11.89)*
Nikkei Avge ..16982.14 (-27.49)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base..... 6%
3-month Interbank..... 6¼-6⅜%
US Federal Funds..... 3%*
3-month Treas Bills 2.89-2.87%*
Long Bond..... 7.04%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	....1.4455*	£:$	.....1.4475
$:DM	.1.6335*	£:DM	...2.3645
$:SWfr.	1.5090*	£:SWfr.	..2.1865
$:Ffr	...5.5325*	£:Ffr	.....8.0155
$:Yen	.119.58*	£:Yen	...172.77
£:SDR	..1.0526	£:ECU	..1.2149

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 329.00 ..... PM 329.95
Close 329.70-330.10
New York:
Comex 330.25-330.75*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI..... 137.9 January (1.7%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Dow volatile after Clinton speech

Fall in lending undermines recovery hopes

BY LINDSAY COOK AND JANET BUSH

■ A disappointing fall in new mortgages in January, and weak bank lending added to more than three million unemployed, suggested that recovery may be slow to arrive

GLIMMERS of recovery in the high street were followed yesterday by statistics showing that those sectors crippled by high debt levels throughout the recession remained extremely fragile last month, suggesting a broader-based recovery may be slow to arrive.

Hopes of a revival in the housing market were dashed by another fall in new mortgage commitments, and bank lending to industry and the personal sector remained very weak. At the same time, seasonally adjusted unemployment rose 22,100 to 2.995 million in January and the unadjusted total jumped 78,726 to 3.062 million. There was, however, good news on inflation, with underlying average earnings dipping below 5 per cent in December for the first time since 1967.

The latest evidence suggests there has been little improvement in the economy since the International Monetary Fund survey in December concluded there were few signs, if any, of a recovery, despite sterling's fall and much lower interest rates. Nevertheless, British government officials yesterday took the IMF to task for the bleak view discussed at a closed meeting in Washington last week, saying it was based on old data.

Michael Saunders, chief UK economist at Salomon Brothers, said: "The economy is probably gradually turning but recovery is only evident in those areas like retail sales and exports which are not credit-sensitive. The huge overhang of debt is still proving a real drag in other sectors."

The amount of money promised in mortgages last month was the lowest for more than nine years, according to the Building Societies Association. Societies agreed to lend £1.54 billion, down from £1.9 billion in December. Gross lending was also down from £2.1 billion to £1.8 billion.

January is not a good month for mortgage applications or completions, although estate agents have been reporting more interest in properties. This may indicate that interest is not translating into purchases or that societies are losing market share to banks and centralised lenders.

Adrian Coles, head of external affairs at the BSA, said: "January's fall in net new commitments was not unexpected given the normal seasonal pattern of lending. It is still too early for the increase in activity reported by some housebuilders and estate agents since the turn of the year to be reflected in these figures. However, signs of a turnround should become evident over the coming months."

When it takes place, societies may be in a better position to fund it, after their largest savings inflow for 15 months in January of £363 million. This was more than the net inflow for all of 1992 — £295 million. Societies were particularly pleased at the increase from £117 million in December as National Savings had a range of tax-free products.

Bank lending and M4 broad money supply remained weak in January, suggesting the flow of credit, a prerequisite for recovery, is still not happening. Total seasonally adjusted sterling lending by commercial banks rose more than £2.1 billion last month after a net repayment of £1.7 billion in December. Economists noted, however, that the trend of credit demand may even be weakening. Total lending in the quarter to January totalled £3.9 billion against £6.7 billion the previous three months and £8.6 billion the quarter before that.

☐ US financial markets seesawed as investors tried to digest the implications of President Clinton's State of the Union address.

Early reaction was favourable, with Wall Street showing healthy gains, long-dated US Treasury bonds climbing by as much as ¾ of a point and the dollar strengthening against the mark. It closed in London at DM1.6325, about a pfennig up on Wednesday but below its DM1.64 opening.

The Dow Jones industrial average, having risen 15 points amid general relief over the State of the Union Address, later fell 35 points as companies became more nervous about President Clinton's tax plans, but recovered to 3,289.57, down 22.69 points.

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Kingfisher acquires Darty



Entente cordiale: Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy, left, and Philippe Frances seal the deal

BY GEORGE SIVELL
CITY EDITOR

KINGFISHER, which takes in Woolworths, Comet, Superdrug and B&Q, is paying £1,035 million for Darty, the French electrical retailer. The group is raising £313 million from shareholders and forecasts a slight fall in pre-tax profits for the year just ended.

The shares rose 30p to 557p yesterday. Analysts said the price was less than expected after Kingfisher, headed by Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy, revealed on February 4 that it was in talks with Darty.

However, the deal leaves Kingfisher with sharply higher debts of 66 per cent of shareholders' funds, because of an £800 million write-off of goodwill. Darty, headed by Philippe Frances, has a negative net worth of 2.5 billion francs, a throwback to a management buyout in 1988, and needs a strong partner to carry through expansion plans. Kingfisher believes Darty's cash flow is strong enough to pay off the debts quickly.

In a reference to the Anglo-French quarrel over "social dumping", Darty said it stocked all big electrical manufacturers' goods, including Hoover. The deal would increase job numbers on both sides of the Channel.

Kingfisher is raising £313 million from its own shareholders via a one-for-seven cash call at 450p. Payment is in two parts; the first, of 225p, is payable on acceptance, the second on a month's notice from Kingfisher. The acquisition of Darty is subject to Brussels approval and the second instalment will be sought only if the deal goes ahead.

Darty shareholders, largely management, staff, the Darty family and institutions, will receive 68 million shares and £207 million in cash. Kingfisher assumes £480 million of Darty debts.

Kingfisher estimates it made £210 million before tax in the year to January 31, down from £227.7 million in the previous year because of a £26 million writedown.

Total dividend for the year is forecast to rise from 13p to 13.7p.

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Crandall: a bad 1992

American Airlines cuts operation

FROM HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT, IN DALLAS

AMERICAN Airlines, the biggest airline in the world, yesterday began drastically to scale down its operations in an attempt to pull out of spiralling losses.

The plan, yet to be finalised, could involve cancelling leases on more than $1 billion worth of Airbus jets, shedding staff, renegotiating contracts, giving up many domestic routes and closing some US bases.

AMR Corporation, the airline's parent, had net losses of $935 million last year and has ordered an emergency programme to halt the cash drain by the end of the year. Robert Crandall, AA's chairman, said: "We simply cannot have another year like 1992."

The expected decision to cancel leases on 25 of the airline's 34 Airbus A300 jets will be a hard blow to Airbus Industrie, the European consortium in which British Aerospace has a 20 per cent stake. Work on building jets is already slowing as airlines cut orders. Airlines throughout the US lost a total of $2 billion last year and in the past three years have accumulated losses of more than $8 billion. Much of the blame for the losses is being put on US law that allows bankrupt airlines to offer unrealistically low fares under Chapter 11 protection.

The growing move to protectionism in the US could lead to curbs on BA and other foreign carriers from operating there and increased pressure on Britain to allow US carriers greater access to Heathrow, and could even threaten the BA-USAir link.

Howe, Clinton — and now Lamont?



ANTHONY HARRIS

Herb Stein, a wise and witty survivor of the Nixon administration, never fell for Reaganomics. But the first Reagan budget did contain one important fiscal innovation, he admitted: the asterisk, signifying future spending cuts yet to be identified. They never were, and the Americans never tried it on again; but the appearance of the Michael Portillo roadshow rouses a nasty suspicion. Will Mr Lamont try to show his determination to cut the deficit with a simple announcement that no cows are now sacred? Not even a charismatic Chancellor could get away with it; and for Mr Lamont, the only quicker route to a sterling crisis would be to call this promise a Taxpayers' Charter.

President Bill Clinton faces the same basic problem as Mr Lamont — how to close a deficit caused by excessive tax cuts in the past, and he has set a considerably better example. Despite a suspect recovery, he has attacked the deficit boldly on the tax front.

There are some spending cuts, though this side of the equation is still uncomfortably starry, and depends excessively on the future achievements of Mrs Clinton. However, the form will be better known long before Congress has finished amending the Clinton proposals, so a credible long-term package is still likely. At any rate, the US bond markets seem to believe so.

If our own government has any strategy beyond reacting to the day's statistics, it must surely be on the same lines: to justify an easy monetary policy with fiscal severity. This is how the bold Sir Geoffrey Howe faced another of Mr Lamont's problems, a dangerously over-valued exchange rate, 12 years ago. His deflationary budget in a slump was denounced by all the leading economists — as wrong then as they are now; but it worked. The recovery he started went on until Mr Lawson overheated it six years later (but was not denounced by many economists).

The idea that sterling could still be overvalued is believed only in the markets at the moment. The theorists, looking back only to the 1980s, see a large devaluation, and apparently highly competitive costs. But Ian Shepherdson, of Greenwell Montagu, pointed out a few weeks ago that the 1980s were a period of rapid relative decline in UK manufacturing, as in the US. Much capacity was lost in the competitive crunch which ended in 1982 (though not until 1987 in the US). Even after the Howe move, and the subsequent correction for sterling, this capacity was never replaced. Investment was only enough to replace scrappage. Hence the apparent shortage of capacity even now, which seems to be confirmed by industrial surveys. We were never competitive enough — or not reliably enough — to persuade British companies to expand at home (though the Japanese, with their super-efficiency and with the help of public subsidies have shown more confidence).

What President Clinton has implicitly recognised, but no British minister has even privately admitted, is that our two economies need to be treated essentially as developing economies. This means long-term priority for exports and investment: a shock-proof fiscal policy, the lowest possible interest rates, and therefore a reliably competitive exchange rate, which normally means a hyper-competitive rate to start with. This is a syndrome which the IMF well understands, as the once-grumbling economies of Latin America have learned to their advantage.

Does Mr Major understand? His petulant reaction to IMF advice is not promising; and the signs are that he, not Mr Lamont, is running strategy. But perhaps the Howe-Clinton example will be easier to follow than IMF advice, with its shades of Healey. Confidence is what is lacking; and that means credibility, not stimulus (except for the free stimulus which could come from the threat of future tax increases). There are even tax increases which could be made at once with little risk — especially the expensive savings concessions (Peps and the rest), which are understood only by the sophisticated and lead mainly to switching rather than extra funds. Mr Lamont needs to be boldly severe; even to outdo the president. If he does really well, he may even be denounced by the economists.

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Kleinwort leaps as provisions are shaved

■ **Figures from one of the City's foremost merchant banks have perked up the market, but a closer examination suggests that the underlying trend is still down**

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

KLEINWORT Benson Group, the merchant bank, has unveiled a surprise 66 per cent leap in pre-tax profits to £46.3 million for 1992, helped by an 82 per cent fall in net banking provisions to £7 million.

The annual payout stays at 16p. Earnings before an exceptional £13.6 million prior year tax charge increased from 26.6p to 14.3p a share.

Jonathan Agnew, chief executive, said the payout was held because the dividend cover, at 1.5 times before the exceptional charge, "is not excessive".

The results boosted Kleinwort shares 17p to 378p. Mr Agnew said the exceptional tax charge relates to financial transactions entered into with a handful of clients in 1988.

Despite the pre-tax figure, the bank's profits before provisions continued a downward trend, falling 20 per cent to £53.3 million (£66.9 million). Alison Deuchars, banking analyst with Lehman Brothers, said: "There is still the issue of where the income generation is going to come from."

She forecasts an increase in pre-tax profits to £55 million in the current year, with earnings of 33.3p, and expects the dividend to be held for the third year in succession.

Profits were also helped by a "particularly active and profitable year" from its treasury division. Merchant banking and securities profits increased from £24.7 million to £38 million. But investment management profits, which include private banking, fell from £24.4 million to £22.1 million, mainly as a result of £5 million provisions against lending within the private bank, mostly relating to mortgages.

Kleinwort made new banking provisions of £24 million, offset by releases and recoveries of £17 million, resulting in £7 million (£39 million) net provisions.

The pre-tax figure was achieved after additional £10 million provisions for the future costs of surplus office space in Britain and America. Kleinwort has also reviewed the carrying value of its properties and charged £21 million against revaluation reserves established in 1986 and 1990. Provisions would have been higher, but for a £5.5 million release of general provisions.

Mr Agnew said Kleinwort's pre-tax return on capital, at 11 per cent is "not where we would aim to be eventually", though it has increased from 7 per cent in 1991. He said the bank is aiming for a 25 per cent pre-tax return, depending "on economic conditions".

The company achieved its goal of reducing its loan book. Loans and advances fell from £2.3 billion to £2.07 billion, and corporate lending fell from £662 million to £607 million.

David Peake, the chairman, will retire after the annual meeting in April to be succeeded by Lord Rockley, a vice chairman of the bank.

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Discussing eastern promises: Theo Waigel, left, the German finance minister, called on Jacques Attali, president of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, in the City of London yesterday. The two men discussed urgent plans for a fund to make safe Eastern Europe's dangerous nuclear plants and a special fund to provide finance for small and medium-sized firms in Russia. Herr Waigel is the chairman of the bank's board of governors.

Wise optimistic on outlook despite fall

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

NEIL Wise, chairman of Leslie Wise Group, the textiles, womenswear and knitted fabrics group, is cautiously optimistic about prospects for 1993, despite an 11.8 per cent decline in full-year profits.

Higher interest charges pushed pre-tax profits to £2.52 million in the year to end-November, against £2.86 million last time. A 30 per cent jump in exports and new start-up ventures helped turnover advance 20.3 per cent to £48.7 million. Interest costs rose to £321,000 (£51,000).

Mr Wise said: "We had a very difficult last quarter. Sterling is our biggest problem at the moment; but considering that problem, this is a very creditable performance." He blames sterling's effective devaluation since its exit from the exchange-rate mechanism for increased costs of imported raw materials and fabric printing. Wise also suffered from unusually high bad debts in the final quarter and the cost of the closure of two design companies that were unable to make sufficient progress in the difficult trading environment.

Mr Wise is cautiously optimistic of an improvement in underlying conditions. "There are glimmers of hope at the moment that conditions in the high street areas where we trade are getting a little better."

Earnings drop to 4.96p (5.8p) a share. The final dividend is maintained at 2.25p, for an unchanged total of 4p.

Advertising agency seeks cash for bids

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

GOLD Greenlees Trott, the advertising agency, has joined the queue for rights issues with a £14.7 million one-for-three cash call at 235p a share, to fund possible acquisitions.

Mike Greenlees, joint chairman and chief executive, said GGT had three potential purchases in mind in America and Europe, and while those talks continued the rights issue would help the company demonstrate its ability to go through with the deals.

"It's not opportunistic, because we've been planning it for some time," he said in response to market criticism that the company was cashing in on its high share price.

The rights is underwritten and pitched at a large discount to the share price, which fell 12p to 288p. Mr Greenlees said he expected the money would be spent on the acquisitions, but until then it would be used to reduce the GGT's £23.9 million borrowings.

GGT is forecasting a final dividend in the current year to end-April of 5p, which would maintain the total at 8.3p. The company is not making a profit forecast, but the market is looking for £4.5 million at the taxable level.

Mr Greenlees said the group, which sees more than half its earnings from the US, would benefit from the higher dollar. The US operations should continue to perform strongly, but the UK situation remained difficult.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

New-look Cupid to target lingerie market

CUPID, the USM quoted, lossmaking bridalwear group, is to target the lingerie market in a bid to revive its fortunes following a boardroom split before Christmas, and a forecast yesterday that it will make losses of up to £1.5 million in the year to end-March.

Richard Shaw, non-executive director, yesterday became chairman and chief executive following the recent resignation of Mike Murray, the founder. Cupid is raising £1.9 million by way of a subscription for 2.3 million shares and a four-for-nine rights issue of 4.8 million new shares, both at a deeply discounted 28p.

Alumasc edges up

ALUMASC, the beer kegs to building products group, saw interim pre-tax profits edge up just over 3 per cent to £3.8 million in the six months to end-December, compared with £3.6 million last time. Turnover rose from £23.6 million to £24.3 million, with earnings per share of 16.5p (15.8p). The interim dividend is raised from 3.55p to 3.7p. John McCall, chairman, said there were no firm indicators of recovery. Alumasc's net cash balances grew by £1.5 million during the period, and now stand at just under £5 million. As a result, interest income jumped to £148,000 (£109,000).

Kvaerner slips back

NORWAY'S Kvaerner group, with activities that include shipbuilding, offshore oil and gas, shipping and mechanical engineering, saw pre-tax profit dip by 15 per cent to £93.2 million last year; that of the shipbuilding division, however, leaped from £53.1 million to £73.5 million. The Norwegian company acquired the Govan yard, on the Clyde, in 1988. Jan Magne Heggelund, finance director, said Kvaerner expected Govan, which was losing £60 million to £70 million a year in the late eighties, to return to profit this year after almost breaking even in 1992.

Ward in red by £5m

WARD Holdings, the Kent housebuilder and property group, announced £5.3 million losses for the year to end-October, against a £14 million loss last time. Denis Ward, chairman, said trading conditions were the "worst in living memory". Despite selling 10 per cent more houses, housebuilding losses deepened to £4.2 million (£3.4 million). Plant hire losses reached £585,000 (£395,000 loss). Profits from property investment and commercial development fell to £1.6 million (£2 million). In addition to trading losses of £3.2 million (£1.8 million loss), Ward took a £2.1 million exceptional charge for restructuring.

Surveyor in merger talks

SINCLAIR Goldsmith Holdings, the quoted firm of surveyors and estate agents, is holding merger talks with Conrad Ritblat & Co, a private surveyor. The announcement followed a rise in the share price from 28p to 35p when share dealings were suspended at the company's request. Neil Sinclair, joint managing director, said the talks "might take some time". Sinclair Goldsmith made a loss of £500,000 last year. The firm has 35 staff and specialises in rating work throughout the UK. Conrad Ritblat deals in retail and leisure property and has a staff of about 150.



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Countryside sees signs of housing recovery

Countryside Properties, a leading housebuilder, said yesterday that it is seeing signs that the long-awaited recovery in the housing market might be under way.

Alan Cherry, chairman, told shareholders at the annual meeting: "House enquiries and reservations to date are up by 70 and 40 per cent on last year and it is to be hoped that the worst of the recession is now behind us."

He said there had been too many false dawns in the past and it was important not to be misled by "hype and hope".

R-R boost

Contracts for ten industrial gas turbine engines worth a total of $120 million have been won by Cooper Rolls, a joint venture between Rolls-Royce and Cooper Industries of Houston. The engines will result in about $35 million of work for Rolls.

SWP edges up

SWP Group, the USM-quoted maker and installer of specialist components for the construction industry, lifted pre-tax profits from £31,000 to £42,000 in the six months to end-December. Turnover edged up from £3.65 million to £3.71 million. Earnings were static at 0.1p a share. There is no interim again.

Coats' offer

Coats Viyella, the textiles group that is a 72 per cent shareholder in Youghal Carpets (Holdings), now speaks for a total of 93.81 per cent of Youghal, following Coats' recommended offer for the remaining ordinary shares it did not already own in the Irish carpets group. The offer remains open until March 3.

Brown Shipley

A report yesterday ("Rival bid for bank is likely") should have referred to the possibility of a bid for Brown Shipley Holdings, the investment management and stockbroking company, and not, as stated, to Brown Shipley merchant bank, which has been 100 per cent-owned by Kredietbank Luxembourgeoise since June last year. We apologise for the error.

PETER TREVNOR



Comfort in cash: Ernest Mario, Glaxo chief executive, announcing £819m pre-tax profits and a growing hoard of investments yesterday

Glaxo increases cash pile as first-half profits rise 16%

BY GEORGE SIVELL
CITY EDITOR

■ Glaxo is looking for acquisitions to soak up its growing cash balances and has ruled out a special handout to shareholders for tax reasons

GLAXO, the pharmaceuticals group, has increased its cash pile to £1.5 billion after a 16 per cent rise in first-half pre-tax profits to £819 million.

At end-December, Glaxo's hoard of investments, net of borrowings, had risen to £1.5 billion from £1.3 billion at the June year-end, and £1.2 billion a year ago. Net income from investments rose from £77 million to £79 million in the latest half-year.

Dr Ernest Mario, the chief executive, said: "If we could find a reasonable investment for the money we would do it. We are looking at this very seriously. There is still value in covering the dividend two times but there is comfort in having the cash there."

Glaxo said it was unlikely to make a special one-off dividend payment to shareholders because of the advance corporation tax that would need to be paid. "We would not want to do that, especially at the moment," said one director.

The company also said it was freeing one of its directors, Arthur Pappas, to study how Glaxo could develop marketing its drugs on the over-the-counter market if they should find an appropriate place there.

Dr Mario said: "We are not 100 per cent sure on products going on to the OTC. We are not sure they will work but on the assumption they will ... we are trying to figure out a way to get the capability to take our own products on to the OTC; we are not discussing details."

Glaxo shares, meanwhile, rose 36p to 698p as a 17 per cent rise in the interim dividend to 7p a share was declared, out of earnings up 16 per cent to 19.4p a share. The company said exchange rates were volatile but that the pound's depreciation made just 1 per cent difference to trading profits. Sales rose by 16 per cent to £2.3 billion, of which Zantac, the anti-ulcer drug, contributed £1.03 billion, a rise of 16 per cent.

Glaxo, aware of its reliance on Zantac profits, says new products contributed 11 per cent of sales at £245 million, 29 per cent of sales growth. Of these, Zofran, an anti-emetic, rose 36 per cent to £163 million. Imigran, a migraine treatment, achieved £35 million of sales.

Becotide, the inhaled steroidal asthma treatment, saw its sales rise 15 per cent to £165 million, and Zinnat, the antibiotic, raised sales by 49 per cent to £160 million.

Sir Paul Girolami, the chairman, said: "This very satisfactory outcome reflects the continuing vitality and relevance of our long-established medicines and the promise held out by the successful introduction of our new products into the market."

On the US market and the proposed Clinton health policies, Dr Mario said: "It is really up in the air. But it is necessary that the American government and the industry maintain a dialogue. The danger is that they stop talking. But what they will finally come up with is anyone's guess."

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Bankers wrestle over DAF rescue

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE future of the DAF truck company and its 6,500 continental European workers is in the hands of bankers engaged in a "who blinks first" battle to decide how the cost of a rescue is shared out.

As financiers meet for a third day of discussions today, Koos Andriessen, the Dutch Economic Affairs minister, faces demands from Dutch members of parliament that an agreement on financing a New DAF company be completed by Monday.

Securing the future of the group's continental operations will help efforts by administrative receivers to Leyland DAF, the British subsidiary, to restart production, to break up the business, and to sell the main units as going concerns.

But British banks in the nine-bank consortium of creditors to the collapsed truck company, aided by some continental allies, are believed to be insisting on the maximum price for assets transferred to New DAF. Until a transfer value can be agreed for the DAF truck assembly plant at Eindhoven, The Netherlands, and the cab and axle works at Westerlo, Belgium, the rescue package cannot be completed.

ABN/Amro, the Dutch bank that leads the panel of creditor banks, is expected to broker an agreement on private-sector loans to New DAF. According to an ABN/Amro spokesman, the transfer values will determine how much new equity the three biggest Dutch banks, ABN/Amro, ING Bank and Rabobank, are obliged to inject into the new company.

The business plan drawn up by administrators is understood to call for a balance sheet of 1 to 1.2 billion guilders (£375 million to £450 million), including 400 to 500 million guilders of equity.

The Dutch government and the Flemish state government in Belgium have offered to provide around 250 million guilders, little more than half the total.

McLeod bids for Wheway

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

McLEOD Russel, the mini-conglomerate, launched a £14.3 million all-paper offer for Wheway, a struggling environmental engineer. It said it had done so "out of frustration", after the breakdown of merger talks.

McLeod is offering one of its shares for every ten in Wheway, valuing the bid target's shares at 10.2p each. McLeod, with interests spanning paints to property and textiles, bought 2.99 per cent of Wheway last year. The bid offer follows last week's departure of Wheway's chief executive, John McGowan.

Wheway advised shareholders to "take no action and not to sell their shares". McLeod made pre-tax profits of £5.18 million in the year to September 30; Wheway made a loss of £3.5 million in the year to October 3.

Wheway shares, which have slumped from a high of 140p in 1989, rose 1½p to 9p; McLeod's eased 2p to 100p.

Writedowns hit Control Securities

BY JON ASHWORTH

MASSIVE property write-downs have sent Control Securities, the pubs-to-hotels group formerly run by Nazmu Virani, £68 million into the red in the half year to September 30.

Control, in talks with creditors for almost a year, has made provisions of £53 million against property holdings. Net assets now amount to less than half its called-up share capital, with a deficiency of consolidated shareholders' funds of £32 million. Shareholders will meet on March 17 to discuss the situation.

The shares were suspended at 16½p in October 1991 after the Serious Fraud Office raided the company. The SFO enquiry concerns the Virani family, not Control, but the shares remain suspended while restructuring talks continue.

Pre-tax losses were £68.4 million in the half year against a £4.4 million profit. There was a loss per share of 16.73p (0.56p earnings) and no interim dividend (0.55p).

Heaton joins Bank board as first woman director

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

THE Bank of England has appointed a woman to its board of directors for the first time in its 299-year history. Frances Heaton, director-general of the Takeover Panel, is one of three new directors appointed for a four-year term from next month.

Mrs Heaton said last night that although the Bank had been looking for a woman to join the board, "I would have thought that much the more important thing is the blend of experience." Mrs Heaton, 48, was at the Treasury for a decade and worked in the City for another ten years.

She joined the Takeover Panel last March, leaving her job as corporate finance director with Lazard Brothers, the investment bank.

Mrs Heaton was chosen for her unusual combination of experience in political and City work. She said: "Working in the political arena and in the commercial world you do have a broader perspective."

Sir Jeremy Morse, former chairman of Lloyds Bank, and Sir Chippendale "Chips" Keswick, chairman of Hambros merchant bank, are the other two newcomers to the board.

The three replace Sir David Walker, deputy chairman of Lloyds; Sir Brian Corby chairman, of Prudential Corporation; and Lord Haslam, chairman of Bechtel, whose terms of office expire at the end of this month.

Sir David had also worked at the Treasury at the same time as Mrs Heaton.

The post at the Bank of England is a non-executive role, and pays about £500 a year. The bank has 12 non-executive directors and four executive directors, three associate directors as well as the Governor and Deputy Governor who usually meet once a week to discuss and advise on Bank matters. Sir Jeremy, 64, is not new to the Bank. He was formerly executive director of both the domestic and overseas operations of the Bank in the 1960s before joining Lloyds in 1975.

Sir "Chips", 53, joined Hambros in 1965 and was appointed chairman in 1986. Since 1992 he has been chairman of the banking committee of the British Merchant Banking and Securities Houses Association.

Andrew Crockett, was re-appointed as a director of the Bank yesterday.



Making history: Frances Heaton, the board's first woman

RTZ buys into US coal sector

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

RTZ, the mining group, has taken a first strategic step into the American coal industry with the acquisition of the loss-making Nerco for about $470 million through a merger with RTZ's wholly-owned American subsidiary, Kennecott.

Pacificorp Holdings, which holds 82 per cent of Nerco, has approved the merger plan, including a cash consideration of $12 a share. Pacificorp has agreed, if RTZ so wishes, to fund $225 million of the deal through a subsidiary, to be repaid from Nerco's future contract revenues. RTZ shares fell 5 to 646p.

The acquisition, following news that Kennecott was halting production at Greens Creek, Alaska, the biggest silver mine in North America, brings RTZ new gold and silver properties in America. It is considering existing plans to sell these. Nerco's oil and gas interests, which do not fit the RTZ strategy, will be sold. Without allowance for the proceeds of disposals, the Nerco buy will raise RTZ's gearing to about 60 per cent.

Robert Wilson, RTZ chief executive, said he could not yet say what the net investment would be, but the increased gearing was no cause for concern.

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Lloyd's to cut 300 jobs across the board

BY SARAH BAGNALL

ANOTHER 300 jobs are to go at the Corporation of Lloyd's, which regulates and manages the insurance market. The latest cuts bring the total announced since December to 600, nearly 30 per cent of the work force.

The redundancies, announced yesterday by Peter Middleton, the chief executive, are to affect staff at all levels, reducing the corporation's layers of management from 15 to six. He added that the cuts made since the new year ranged from senior managers to chauffeurs. The staff losses are part of plans to reduce the corporation's budget for 1993 by £30 million to £115 million. The budget reduction has increased by £3 million since Christmas because of a review of operations. Salaries totalled £55 million last year, the largest single item in the budget, said Mr Middleton.

Employees are being offered redundancy packages reflecting their age and years of service. Staff get 3.5 weeks' pay for each working year up to the age of 50, after which they receive 5.5 weeks' pay. The average salary is £22,000. "The package is as generous as any in industry," said Mr Middleton. He also said that from next year the remaining 1,600 staff would be paid on a performance-related basis.

Other cost savings are to be made in entertainment, travel and computer systems development work. However, the practice of lighting up the Lloyd's building at night will not be affected. This was because of security reasons, he said, and because the building is a characteristic landmark in the City.

There is evidence that the lead taken by the corporation in attempting to control costs, historically equivalent to 10 per cent of the Lloyd's market cost base, is beginning to feed through to the market itself. Sturge Holdings, the largest Lloyd's underwriting group, slimmed staff by 175 in 1992 to 1,550 and said more cuts are expected.

☐ The pressure group formed by Lloyd's names on Syndicate 126 has been promised help from Alexander Syndicate Management, the Lloyd's agency managing its affairs. The names are pressing for information and involvement on the way the syndicate's open years are being managed by ASM. Jeremy Hardie, ASM's chairman, said: "We wish to co-operate fully with the names on Syndicate 126 and give them all the information they need."

STOCK MARKET

Nervous Wall Street unsettles London

THE equity market regained some of its composure as investors gave cautious approval to President Clinton's measures, designed to reduce the US budget deficit.

But conditions are likey to remain volatile during the short-term as economists continue to digest his speech and the possible implications of the cut in US government expenditure and higher taxation.

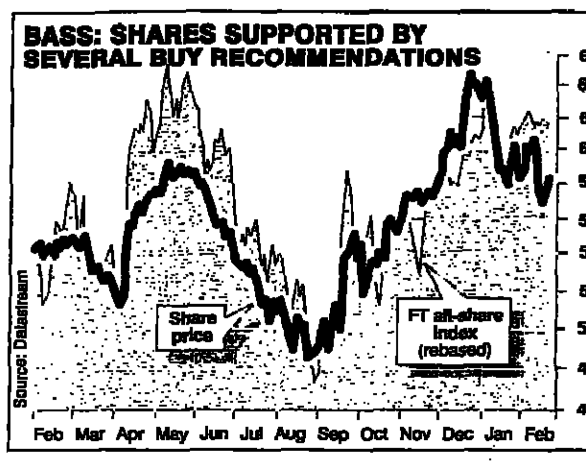
GKN continues to benefit from the apparent recovery in the UK car market. The price started the week at 453p and ended yesterday 7p better at 477p. Fund managers have begun topping-up their holding before full-year figures next month expected to show pre-tax profits up £30 million at £125 million.

Wall Street enjoyed an early mark-up but later boiled over. As a result, prices in London closed below their best in thin, nervous trading. The FT-SE 100 index, up more than 38 points before the start of trading in New York, eventually saw its rise cut to 23.7 at 2,837.7. Turnover was a disappointing 637 million shares.

Sentiment was helped by an unexpected rise in bank lending, while most investors were happy enough to disregard the latest surge in unemployment, which has been largely discounted, and a call for higher taxation from the International Monetary Fund. Investors are also bracing themselves for a rise in the level of corporate activity as underlined by yesterday's rights issue and acquisition from Kingfisher. There is a widely held view in the Square Mile that, apart from the long list of companies requiring extra funds, a mega-bid is also on the way.

Among the current bid favourites, **Blue Circle Industries** rose 12p to 227p, **Tarmac**, 4p to 115p, **Allied-Lyons**, 6p to 598p and **Standard Chartered** 13p to 643p.

Kingfisher, the Woolworth, Comet and B&Q d-i-y retailer, jumped 25p to 552p after revealing plans to acquire Darty, the French electrical goods retailer. To help finance the deal Kingfisher is making a one-for-seven rights issue at 450p to raise £313 million. Kingfisher is forecasting a rise in profits before exceptional items for the year to January, just ended, of £233 million compared with £221.8 million.



Half-year figures from **Glaxo** were at the top end of expectations with pre-tax profits up 15.5 per cent at £819 million. Sales of Zantac, its anti-ulcer drug, rose 16 per cent to more than £1 billion. But some of the newer drugs failed to please, with sales of Imigran, its migraine treatment, rising just £5 million. The shares responded with a 25p advance to 687p.

Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank and securities house, pleased the market with a jump in full year pre-tax profits from £27.9 million to £46.3 million. This followed a sharp drop in bad debts from £39 million to £7 million. The equity and corporate finance divisions saw activity pick up sharply in the final quarter. The shares finished 18p higher at 379p.

The drinks sector responded positively to calls by the Brewers' Society for a reduction in excise duty to counter duty paid on cheap beer imports from France, which have risen to an all-time high. The society claims that duty-paid imports from France have risen to almost 10 per cent of the take-home market.

Brokers appear to have little sympathy for the brewers, who continue to feel the effects of recession with many customers finding it too expensive to drink in pubs and now making full use of the abolition of excise controls within the EEC.

Bass remained a firm market, adding 9p to 585p. Both Kleinwort Benson and Warburg Securities have been reiterating their positive stance on the shares to clients this week. There were also gains for **Grand Metropolitan**, up 1p at 451p, **Scottish & Newcastle**, 3p to 427p, **Marston, Thompson and Evershed**, 3p to 236p, and **Taunton Cider**, 2p to 190p.

Euro Disney wiped out an early lead to finish all-square at 915p, after touching 930p. Smith Barney, the New York broking firm, had rated the shares as a hold, but now expects them to underperform. It blames the gloomy economic outlook in Europe, particularly France, which means less money being spent on leisure pursuits. Analyst Susan Passoni has pencilled in losses for both 1993 and 1994 and does not rule out further losses in 1995.

Asda, the supermarket chain, rose 1½p to 63¼p — just above the level at which the group decided to launch its three-for-ten rights issue at 53p. The offer closes today and is likely to be fully taken up by the institutions, whohave given a full vote of confidence to Archie Norman, the new chief executive. He wants the money to update the group's existing stores, enabling it to compete with big rivals such as **J. Sainsbury**, 5p better at 516p, **Tesco**, 3p cheaper at 242p and **Argyll**, 5p firmer at 373p.

Chubb, the security group and locksmith which was floated off from Racal last year, rose 4p to 277p in response to a presentation for

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Tadpole Technology has many followers. The company was floated in December at 65p; the shares have been as high as 364p and closed last night at 306p, 3p up. Support has been boosted by IBM's proposal to market Tadpole's work stations in return for a stake. But on fundamentals, the shares are overvalued.

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fund managers in the City yesterday. The group maintains it has scope for a big improvement in margins. It is due to have a series of meetings with institutions next week in the US.

Vodafone, the mobile telephone operator, which was also floated off by Racal, rose 7p to 392p after a visit by fund managers to its headquarters.

Among leaders, **Cadbury Schweppes**, the soft drinks and confectionery group, was marked higher in early trading, helped by a buy recommendation from Hoare Govett, the broker. But follow-through was limited and the price later settled 1p firmer at 465p.

The recent slide in ICI was halted, with the shares enjoying a partial recovery with a rise of 4p to £11.38. The price has been depressed by currency fluctuations and the consequences of President Clinton's package of economic measures in the US. But some brokers are starting to have second thoughts about the group's proposed demerger. A decision on whether, or not, to proceed will be made later this month.

MICHAEL CLARK

BRITISH FUNDS

Government securities started the day firmly, enabling the Bank of England to supply investors with some of its recent issues. There was demand for the new tap, Conversion 9 per cent 2011 'C', but this eventually petered out. Prices later came off the boil, with the latest economic data holding few surprises.

In futures, the March series of the long gilt touched a high for the day of £103 11/32 before ending six ticks lower at £102 27/32 as a total of 25,000 contracts were completed.

Index-linked issues recovered some of their recent falls, with the government broker exhausting remaining supplies of the new taplet, Treasury Index-Linked 4⅛ per cent 2030. In longs, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 fell five ticks to £104 17/32, while in shorts Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 eased one tick to £111 9/16.

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
104	100	Treas 12½% 1993	102	...	12.17	5.80
100	95	Fund 6% 1993	100	+	5.99	5.64
107	103	Treas 13¾% 1993	106	...	12.96	5.54
102	96	Treas 8½% 1994	102	...	8.27	5.47
110	104	Treas 14½% 1994	108	-	13.32	5.62
110	103	Exch 13½% 1994	108	-	12.39	5.67
105	98	Treas 10% 1994	105	...	9.48	5.66
110	103	Exch 12½% 1994	109	...	11.39	5.74
105	96	Treas 9% 1994	105	...	8.54	5.73
111	102	Treas 12% 1995	111	...	10.81	5.92
96	88	Gas 3% 1990-95	96	...	3.10	4.57
109	99	Exch 10¼% 1995	109	...	9.37	6.02
116	106	Treas 12¾% 1995	116	...	10.94	6.10
120	109	Treas 14% 1996	120	...	11.66	6.35
125	113	Treas 15¼% 1996	124	...	12.20	6.50
120	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	119	...	11.10	6.51
111	99	Conv 10% 1996	111	+	9.01	6.62
122	109	Treas 13¼% 1997	122	+	10.86	6.77
113	100	Exch 10½% 1997	113	+	9.29	6.75
108	94	Treas 8¾% 1997	107	+	8.13	6.76
132	117	Exch 15% 1997	131	+	11.41	7.02
112	97	Exch 9¾% 1998	111	+	8.74	6.94
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
102	98	Treas 7¼% 1998	102	+	7.14	6.75
100	86	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100	...	6.73	6.61
137	123	Treas 15½% 1998	137	+	11.30	7.32
122	107	Exch 12% 1998	121	+	9.89	7.38
112	97	Treas 9½% 1999	110	+	8.56	7.21
123	109	Exch 12¼% 1999	123	+	9.95	7.47
116	101	Treas 10½% 1999	115	+	9.06	7.31
116	100	Conv 10¼% 1999	115	+	8.90	7.37
110	94	Conv 9% 2000	109	-	8.24	7.32
129	114	Treas 13% 2000	129	+	10.07	7.78
113	99	Treas 10% 2001	113	+	8.81	7.72
128	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	128	+	10.91	7.41
112	98	Treas 9¾% 2002	112	+	8.69	7.92
51	40	Treas 8pc 2003	51	...	7.92	7.87
113	100	Treas 10% 2003	113	+	8.80	8.06
120	107	Treas 11½% 2001-04	120	+	9.54	8.01
72	59	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72	-	4.84	7.08
109	96	Conv 9½% 2004	109	...	8.66	8.30
109	96	Conv 9½% 2005	109	...	8.66	8.23
128	116	Treas 12½% 2003-05	128	-	9.72	8.42
99	85	Treas 8% 2002-06	99	+	8.08	8.18
122	110	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	122	-	9.59	8.36
101	89	Treas 8½% 2007	101	+	8.36	8.32
135	123	Treas 13½% 2004-08	135	-	9.95	8.49
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
105	93	Treas 9% 2008	105	+	8.52	8.37
96	85	Treas 8% 2009	96	+	8.29	8.41
104	93	Conv 9% 2011	104	...	8.59	8.50
104	93	Treas 9% 2012	104	+	8.59	8.51
73	62	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73	+	7.48	8.25
94	81	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	93	+	8.26	8.37
131	118	Exch 12% 2013-17	131	+	9.12	8.70
101	91	Treas 8¾% 2017	101	+	8.94	8.58
		UNDATED				
46	39	Consols 4%	46	+	8.60	...
40	35	War Ln 3½%	40	-	8.67	...
63	59	Conv 3½%	61	-	5.67	...
30	24	Consols 2½%	30	+	8.21	...
29	24	Treas 2½%	28	-	8.64	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133	122	Treas IL 2% 1994	132	-	...	0.70
197	176	Treas IL 2% 1996	196	-	1.37	2.14
108	100	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107	-	2.10	2.70
164	139	Treas IL 2½% 2001	164	...	2.68	3.04
161	135	Treas IL 2½% 2003	160	...	2.85	3.16
109	101	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	109	...	2.98	3.27
165	137	Treas IL 2% 2006	165	+	3.09	3.32
149	124	Treas IL 2½% 2009	149	+	3.27	3.48
154	129	Treas IL 2½% 2011	154	+	3.31	3.53
127	108	Treas IL 2½% 2013	127	+	3.40	3.57
135	112	Treas IL 2½% 2016	135	+	3.46	3.63
129	107	Treas IL 2½% 2020	129	-	3.53	3.67
107	88	Treas IL 2½% 2024	107	+	3.56	3.69
107	91	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	107	+	3.56	3.70

RECENT ISSUES

Intl Food Machinery (51)	63	+1	Commercial Union n/p (490)	83	+1
Mauritius Fund ($10½)	717	-8	ML Holdings n/p (15)	3½	...
Merlin Intl Green Units	93	...	PizzaExpress n/p (40)	40	...
Motor World (210)	268	-3	Property Trust 10p (25)	23	+1
New City & Comm Inv Tst	87	+1	SelecTV n/p (17)	¼	...
New City & Comm Wts	19	...	Stakis n/p (32)	12½	+½
RIGHTS ISSUES			Volex n/p (345)	56	-2
Bellway n/p (320)	62	...	Whessoe N/P (260)	67pm	-2

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Abbey National .... 376p (+11p)
Kleinwort Benson .... 378p (+17p)
Blue Circle .... 227p (+12p)
H Boot .... 255p (+10p)
RMC Group .... 605p (+11p)
Amersham .... 716p (+21p)
Kingfisher .... 557p (+30p)
Misys .... 492p (+19p)
Assoc Brit Food ...... 474p (+10p)
Dalepak .... 291p (+10p)
Jardine Math .... 450p (+30p)
Liberty Life .... 981p (+14p)
Anglia TV .... 230p (+17p)
Compass Group .... 588p (+11p)
Bowater .... 515p (+18p)
Danka Bus Systems 573p (+18p)
Glaxo .... 684p (+22p)

FALLS:
Unigate .... 349p (-7p)
SKF 'B' .... 750p (-50p)
Gold Greenless .... 288p (-12p)

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WORLD MARKETS

US shares fall back after spirited start

New York — Wall Street shares traded in a tight range at midday, firm but well off the day's highs, with the rally in bonds and relief after President Clinton's economic address providing support.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 12.97 points at 3,325.16 after climbing 36 points shortly after the opening. Advances led declines by about two to one.

"This is probably just a sigh of relief," said James Andrews, manager of trading at Janney Montgomery Scott. "But I think the market is reacting more to the fact that interest rates are down and are probably going to stay down, rather than anything Clinton said last night."

The US Treasury's long bond was up 24/32 to 101 2/32, yielding 7.04 per cent, down from 7.10 per cent at the close on Wednesday.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended slightly weaker on late futures-led selling in see-saw trade. The Nikkei average closed 27.49 points lower at 16,982.14, with an estimated 250 million shares being traded. ☐ **Hong Kong** — Overseas fund managers bought actively, sending shares up sharply. The Hang Seng index ended at 6,186.94, up 99.48 points.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The Dax index closed at 1,672.26, up 19 points, its highest close since July 17, spurred by optimism that German interest rates are about to fall, a recovery in the dollar and a steady Wednesday close on Wall street.

☐ **Sydney** — The All Ordinaries index finished up 6 points at 1,607.3. *(Reuter).*

WALL STREET

	Feb 18 midday	Feb 17 close
AMP Inc	55	55
AMR Corp	59	59
Abbott Labs	25	25
Aetna Life	46	47
Ahmanson (HF)	18	18
Air Prod & Chem	43	42
Albertson's	47	47
Alcan Aluminm	19	18
Alco Standard	39	39
Allied Signal	64	64
Alum Co of Am	72	72
Amax	18	18
Amerada Hess	49	49
Amer Brands	35	35
Amer Cyanamid	50	50
Amer El Power	34	34
Amer Express	24	24
Amer Genl Corp	55	56
Amer Home Pr	59	59
Amer Intl	119	118
Amer Stores	36	36
Amer T & T	52	52
Ameritech	74	74
Amoco	53	53
Anheuser-Busch	55	55
Apple Computer	54	53
Archer Daniels	25	24
Arkla	8	8
Armco	7	7
Armstrng Wrld	32	32
Asarco	26	26
Ashland Oil	26	26
Atl Richfield	115	115
Auto Data Pro	53	53
Avery Dennison	26	26
Avon Products	57	57
Baker Hughes	21	21
Baltim Gas & El	24	24
Banc One	51	51
BankAmerica	49	47
Bank of NY	52	52
Bankers Tr NY	66	67
Barnett Banks	42	42
Bausch & Lomb	54	54
Baxter Intl	30	30
Bectn Dicknsn	74	75
Bell Atlantic	54	54
BellSouth	54	53
Black & Decker	18	18
Block (H&R)	41	40
Boeing	34	33
Boise Cascade	25	25
Borden Inc	25	25
Bristol Myrs Sq	56	57
Browning Ferris	27	27
Burlington Nthn	45	46
CBS	202	199
CNA Financial	94	94
CPC Intl	45	45
CSX	73	73
Campbell Soup	40	40
Can Pacific	13	13
Cptl Cities ABC	494	496
Cptl Holdings	75	76
Carolina Pwr	30	30
Caterpillar	56	55
Central & SW	30	30
Champion Intl	31	30
Chase Manhat	29	29
Chemical Bk	39	40
Chevron Corp	75	75
Chrysler	38	38
Chubb Corp	89	85
Cigna Corp	61	62
Citicorp	24	24
Clorox	44	44
Coastal Corp	25	24
Coca Cola	41	40
Colgate-Palmolive	57	56
Columbia Gas	21	21
Commonw Ed	26	25
Compaq Comp	46	44
Comp Ass Intl	34	27
Conagra	26	26
Cons Edison	34	34
Cons Nat Gas	47	48
Cons Rail	54	53
Cooper Inds	49	49
Corning Inc	33	34
Crown Cork	37	37
Dana Corp	45	45
Dayton Hudson	77	78
Deere	46	46
Delta Air Lines	48	48
Deluxe Corp	41	41
Detroit Edison	34	35
Digital Equip	43	42
Dillard Dept St	46	46
Disney (Walt)	46	45
Dominion Res	41	41
Donelley (RR)	28	28
Dover Corp	46	46
Dow Chemicals	56	55
Dow Jones	29	29
Dresser	18	18
Duke Power	37	37
Dun & Bradstreet	56	56
Du Pont	47	47
Eastman Kodak	50	49
Eaton Corp	79	79

	Feb 18 midday	Feb 17 close
Emerson Elec	50	50
Engelhard Corp	40	40
Enron Corp	54	53
Entergy Corp	35	35
Ethyl Corp	27	27
Exxon	61	61
FMC Corp	46	46
FPL Group	38	38
Federal Express	56	56
Fed Nat Mtge	77	76
First Chicago	41	41
First Interstate	50	49
First Union Rty	11	10
Fleet Finl Grp	30	30
Fluor Corp	44	44
Ford Motor	47	46
GTE Corp	36	35
Gannett	50	50
Gap Inc Del	33	33
Gen Cinema	35	35
Gen Dynamics	112	112
Gen Electric	82	82
Gen Mills	65	65
Gen Motors	39	39
Gen Reinsurance	118	118
Gen Signal	65	64
Genuine Parts	34	34
Georgia Pac	66	66
Gillette	54	54
Glaxo ADR	19	19
Goodrich (BF)	47	51
Goodyear Tire	68	67
Grace (W&R)	37	38
Grt Atl Pac Tea	24	23
Great Wstn Fin	16	16
Halliburton	33	32
Heinz (HJ)	41	41
Hercules	68	68
Hershey Foods	50	50
Hewlett Packard	74	72
Hilton Hotels	45	44
Home Depot	62	60
Homestake	12	12
Honeywell	32	33
Household Intl	63	62
Houston Inds	47	47
Humana	19	19
ITT Corp	74	73
Illinois Tool	71	71
INCO	24	24
Ingersoll Rand	33	32
Inland Steel	23	23
Intel Corp	110	108
IBM	50	50
Intl Flav & Fr	104	104
Intl Paper	65	65
James River Va	17	17
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	42	42
K Mart	23	23
Kellogg	62	61
Kerr-McGee	45	45
Kimberly-Clark	55	55
Knight-Ridder	60	61
Lilly (Eli)	52	53
Limited Inc	24	24
LIN Brdcstng	81	81
Lincoln Nat	72	73
Litton	49	49
Liz Claiborne	35	35
Lockheed Corp	56	56
Louisiana Pac	70	69
MCI Commun	38	39
Marriott	23	23
Marsh & McLnn	92	91
Martin Marietta	64	66
Masco Corp	31	30
May Dept St	68	67
Maytag Corp	14	14
McCaw Cellular	32	32
McDonalds	48	48
McDonnell D	51	51
McGraw Hill	59	59
Mead Corp	41	40
Medtronic	85	84
Mellon Bk	54	54
Melville Corp	47	47
Merck Inc	37	37
Merrill Lynch	63	63
Minnesota Mine	104	103
Mobil Corp	64	64
Monsanto	51	53
Morgan (JP)	61	61
Motorola Inc	55	54
Natl Medical	10	10
Natl Semi	10	10
Natl Service Ind	25	26
Navistar Intl	2	2
NBD Bancorp	34	34
NY Times A	28	28
Newmont Mng	39	40
Niag Mohawk	20	20
Nike B	73	72
NL Industries	5	5
Nordstrom	37	36
Norfolk Sthrn	63	62
Nthn State Pwr	45	45
Norwest Corp	43	43
Nynex Corp	86	86
Occidental Pet	19	19
Ohio Edison	24	24

	Feb 18 midday	Feb 17 close
Oracle Systems	29	28
Oryx Energy Co	19	18
PNC Financial	29	30
PPG Industries	65	66
Paccar Inc	60	61
Pacificorp	17	19
Pac Enterprises	21	21
Pac Gas & Elect	33	33
Pac Telesis	45	45
Pall Corp	19	20
Panhandle East	19	20
Paramnt Comm	46	46
Parker Hannifin	31	31
Penney (JC)	74	74
Pennzoil	55	54
Pepsico	40	40
Pfizer	59	59
Phelps Dodge	53	52
Philadel Elec	28	28
Philip Morris	71	70
Phillips Pet	26	26
Pitney Bowes	40	39
Polaroid	27	27
Price Co	33	33
Primerica	54	52
Procter & Gmbl	50	50
Pub Serv E & G	32	32
Quaker Oats	66	66
Ralston Purina	49	49
Raychem Corp	40	40
Raytheon	52	53
Reebok Intl	33	33
Reynolds Metals	54	53
Roadway Srvcs	69	69
Rockwell Intl	29	29
Rohm & Haas	58	58
Royal Dutch	84	84
Rubbermaid	31	31
Safeco Corp	60	60
St Paul's Cos	79	79
Salomon Inc	40	39
Santa Fe S Pac	13	13
Sara Lee Corp	28	27
Scecorp	47	47
Schering Plough	58	59
Schlumberger	57	57
Scott Paper	37	38
Seagram	26	26
Sears Roebuck	51	50
Shell Trans	51	51
Sherwin Wlms	32	32
Skyline Corp	20	20
Snap-On-Tools	32	32
Southern Co	39	39
Swestern Bell	71	70
Sprint Corp	27	27
Stanley Works	42	42
Sun Company	28	27
Suntrust	44	44
Supervalu	32	32
Syntex Corp	18	19
Sysco Corp	24	24
TRW Inc	56	56
Tandem Comp	12	12
Tandy Corp	25	25
Telecom Corp	2	2
Teledyne	19	19
Temple Inland	48	48
Tenneco	43	44
Texaco	60	60
Texas Inst	54	53
Texas Utilities	45	45
Textron	42	43
Time Warner	33	33
Times-Mirror	31	32
Timken	28	28
Torchmark	59	59
Toys R Us	36	36
Transamerica	48	48
Travelers Corp	25	26
Tribune	51	50
Tyco Labs	42	42
UAL Corp	118	119
UST Inc	29	29
USX Marathon	18	18
Unilever NV	106	106
Union Camp	46	46
Union Carbide	16	16
Union Pacific	57	57
Unisys Corp	11	11
USAIR Group	15	15
USF&G Corp	14	13
US Life	39	39
US West	41	41
United Tech	44	44
Unocal Corp	25	25
Upjohn	27	28
VF Corp	49	49
Wal-Mart Stores	61	62
Warner-Lambert	66	66
Waste Mgmnt Inc	35	35
Wells Fargo	89	89
Westinghouse El	13	13
Weyerhaeuser	42	42
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A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at: St Andrew's House 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AD between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on 1 and 2 March 1993.

DATED 11 February 1993
By order of the Board
W Merriam. Director.

CH. 1992 R. NO. 9366
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
BETWEEN: ROYAL TRUST BANK PLAINTIFF
AND RAPHAEL DEAN PATMORE DEFENDANT
TO: RAPHAEL DEAN PATMORE

TAKE NOTICE that an action has been commenced against you in the High Court of Justice Chancery Division (CH.1992.R.9366) by ROYAL TRUST BANK of Royal Trust House, 48-50 Cannon Street, London EC4N 6LD in which the Plaintiff's claim is for Possession of the Leasehold premises situate at and known as Flat 2, 27 Greenwich South Street, London SE10

AND THAT IT HAS BEEN ORDERED that service of the Originating Summons in the said action on you be effected by this advertisement.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that you must acknowledge service of the said Originating Summons by completing a prescribed form of Acknowledgement of Service which may be obtained on request from the Solicitors whose name and address appear below otherwise Judgment may be entered against you.

JOHN NICHOLAS CLARKE RICHARDS of Messrs. Eatons, Windsor House, 1270 London Road, Norbury, London SW16 4HP 081-679 3833 JNCR. ROYAL PATMORE
Dated this 19th day of February 1993.
Solicitors for the Plaintiff

HCS Color & Documents Systems Ltd
Registered number: 2638713. Former company name: Gilltone Systems Ltd. Nature of business: Computer Peripherals. Trade classification: 36. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 21st January 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Midland Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: K.D. Goodman, FCA and P. Monjack, FCA (office holder nos: 2407 and 2344) of Leonard Curtis & Co., P O Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF.

First Class Hotels (UK) Limited
- In Administrative Receivership -
Registered Number: 2327653

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA on Monday, 8 March 1993 at 11.00 am for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.

A form of proxy is enclosed which, if to be used at the meeting, must be completed in accordance with the guidance notes provided thereon and lodged at Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA not later than 12.00 noon on Friday, 5 March 1993.

Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers not later than 12.00 noon on 5 March 1993 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

Dated: 5 February 1993
Anthony Peter Supperstone
Joint Administrative Receiver

IBI (UK) LIMITED
(formerly J B McLaughlin & Co Limited)

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A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at: St Andrew's House 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AD between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on 1 and 2 March 1993.

DATED 11 February 1993
By order of the Board
W Merriam. Director.

Notice of Administration Order
MAXWELL FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED
Registered number: 882763 Nature of business: Holding Company. Trade classification: 10 Administration order made 12 February 1993. Joint administrators: AM Homan, JCA Phillips and A R D Jamieson (office holder nos: 5660, 6481 and 6923).

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R T Wheels Limited
Registered number: 1558158. Trading name: Silver Screen Windscreens. Nature of business: Vehicle Windscreen Replacement. Trade classification: 19. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 12th February 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Midland Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: P. Monjack, FCA, and K.D. Goodman, FCA (office holder nos: 2344 and 2407) of Leonard Curtis & Co., P O Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace. (2nd Floor). London W2 6LF.

STEVELAND PRODUCTS (AYLESHAM) LIMITED
- In Administrative Receivership -
Registered Number: 1327794

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Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London, W1M 1DA not later than 12.00 hrs on 2 March 1993 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

A P Supperstone,
Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
VEXAQUEST LIMITED
Company Number: 1683489

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98(1)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above Company will be held at 100 Chalk Farm Road, London NW1 8EH on Thursday the 25th day of February 1993 at 10:15 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 and 101 of the said Act.

Forms of Proxy, which if to be used at the meeting should be lodged at the Company's Registered Office at 100 Chalk Farm Road, London NW1 8EJ, not later than 12:00 noon on Wednesday the 24th day of February 1993.

In accordance with Section 98 (2)(b) a list of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection at the offices of Levy Gee & Partners, 100 Chalk Farm Road, London NW1 8EJ, on the two business days next before the date of the meeting.

Dated this 2nd day of February 1993
By Order of the Board
Signed: Stephen Preston.

THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ACT 1982
THE CONTINENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY (EUROPE) LIMITED
TRANSFER OF GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Continental Insurance Company (Europe) Limited ("Continental") applied to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on 8th February 1993 for his approval pursuant to Section 51 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982 to transfer to Reliance National Insurance Company (UK) Limited all its rights and obligations attaching to all policies of insurance written by Continental before 1st January 1993 in the United Kingdom being insurance business categorised in the records of Continental as personal accident business.

Copies of the Statement of Particulars of the proposed transfer are available for inspection at Continental's offices at Continental House, 77 Gracechurch Street, London, EC3V 0DL, at all times during normal business hours until 21st March 1993.

Written representations concerning the transfer may be sent to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry at the Department of Trade and Industry, Insurance Division, 10-18 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0NN before 21st April 1993. The Secretary of State will not determine the application until after considering any representations made to him before that date

The Continental Insurance Company (Europe) Limited
19th February 1993

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
D E Arnold & Co (Printer Engineers) Limited
- In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation -

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I, Anthony Peter Supperstone, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on Tuesday 9 February 1993. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.

All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.

Dated: 12 February 1993
A P Supperstone. Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
The Lift and Hoist Company Limited
Registered number: 177205. Trade classification: 26. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 11 February 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Anthony Victor Lomas and Stephen Robert Edward Hancock (office holder nos: 1813 and 6472). Address: Livery House 169 Edmund Street, Birmingham B3 2JB.

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The Insolvency Act 1986
SAME DAY COURIER SERVICES LIMITED
(In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John Colin Shuttleworth of Shuttleworth & Co., 20 Hillcroft, Loughton, Essex IG10 2PS, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the creditors on 11th February 1993.

Dated this 16th day of February 1993.
J.C. Shuttleworth. Liquidator.

The Insolvency Act 1986
ASHARROW LIMITED
(In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John Colin Shuttleworth of Shuttleworth & Co., 20 Hillcroft, Loughton, Essex, IG10 2PS, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the creditors on 11th February 1993.

Dated this 15th day of February 1993.
J.C. Shuttleworth. Liquidator.

TO GREGORY DARNLEY BARTLETT-WELLS
of 36 Upwey Avenue
Hamworthy Poole
in the County of Dorset

TAKE NOTICE that a Statutory Demand dated the 15th day of June has been issued by: Name of Creditor: Hill Samuel Bank Limited. Address: Registered Office 100 Wood Street, London EC2P 2AJ.

The Creditor demands payment of £48,914.69 being the amount due in respect of banking facilities as at the 15th June 1992 together with interest thereon in accordance with the terms and conditions of the facility granted.

The Statutory Demand is an important document and it is deemed to have been served on you on the date of the first appearance of this advertisement. You MUST deal with this Demand within 21 days of the service upon you or you could be made bankrupt and your property and goods taken away from you. If you are in any doubt as to your position you should seek advice IMMEDIATELY from a solicitor or your nearest Citizen's Advice Bureau.

The Statutory Demand can be obtained or is available for inspection and collection from: Name: Preston & Redman Solicitors. Address: Hinton House Hinton Road Bournemouth BH1 2EN Solicitors for the Creditor Telephone No. 0202 292424 Reference MH/DC/H

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The theatre of pay strikes may be due for a revival

The monster of British wage inflation was thought by some to have been slain in the eighties, but Philip Bassett detects faint signs of life



Cause and effect: Gillian Shephard reports jobless and pay deal figures

In the sound and fury that engulfed yesterday's 3 million unemployment figure, another deeply significant economic threshold was crossed: the rise in average earnings dipped below 5 per cent for the first time in a quarter of a century.

The announcement by Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, of a further fall in the annual rate of increase in average earnings — the sixth monthly drop in a row — coupled with the continuing rise in unemployment, makes two apparent returns to the economy's old ways even more inexplicable: the strike, due to start tonight, at Peugeot Talbot's three Coventry car plants, and the week-old strike at the Yarrow warship yard on the Clyde — both over pay.

For both industry and the government, events like these articulate the unspoken worry behind the slow march downward of the earnings figures: that Britain's pay-inflation link has been squashed, but not broken, by high unemployment in the recession.

Business boardrooms and Whitehall offices are divided over pay. Some feel that Britain's pay problem has been solved by a string of economic and labour market changes, including decentralised pay bargaining, low inflation, the reduction of trade union power and unemployment. Others are more sceptical that Britain's apparently endemic propensity for inflation has been altered, and believe there is little in the changes to prevent a resurgence of pay inflation if the economic climate improves.

Industry and government's concern is that pay is lurking at the heart of a real economic difficulty: that, as so often before, the benefits of a devaluation will be thrown away in rising inflation, often wage-driven. Higher import prices following sterling devaluation last September will push up UK companies' domestic costs, which will feed through into inflation, reversing the present downward trend: this in turn will fuel higher pay deals. They will increase inflation still further, and set off a classic wage-price spiral.

Is there any evidence for this? Unemployment clearly has pushed down the level of wage deals, and maintains its impact on wage bargaining. Tony Woodley, motor industry national secretary of the TGWU transport union, acknowledges this on the very eve of leading the planned Peugeot Talbot pay strike over a two-year, 3.5 per cent each year, offer: "Pay doesn't come into it. Who wants 3½ per cent if you haven't got anywhere to come into a week on Monday? If they came to us with a job security statement I would say to my people in 1993 — get back into work."

Fuelled by such pragmatism, business optimists are gratified that the 5 per cent floor in average pay increases — unbroken since 1967 — has been breached. The third of settlements recorded as pay freezes by the Confederation of British Industry — Pirelli and ICL are the latest — supports that idea of a downward trend.

But against them, most pay deals last year, and so far in this, are still inflation-plus: Littlewoods at 3.6 per cent, 4.5 per cent at Pfizer Chemicals, 3 per cent for the textile industry, 4.6 per cent at *The Guardian*, 4 per cent at Nissan, 3.1 per cent for the electrical contracting industry. Though driven by improved performance, merit pay rises are also high: 4 per cent at American Express, 4.5 per cent at Confederation Life, 6.6 per cent for Sun Life of Canada. Productivity agreements are also giving big increases, such as the deal approved for some ICI workers which will give them at least 14.5 per cent on top of a recent 5.1 per cent annual deal.

Broader surveys bear this out. Though the CBI's pay databank recorded deals averaging 2.8 per cent for the final quarter of last year, lower than the inflation average, other independent analyses were less sanguine. Incomes Data Services place deals now in the 3 per cent to 5 per cent range, while Industrial Relations Services put them at 3.6 per cent — both well ahead of inflation. Management pay rises, too, remain high, with a recent Noble Lowndes salary survey charting them at an average of 4 per cent.

Such inflation-plus deals do not bode well for the chances of avoiding a resurgence of wage inflation — led again, as it was throughout most of the 1980s, by pay settlements suited to employer needs, rather than being driven by union or employee wage push.

Despite this, employers' bodies, such as the CBI, see little role for any central intervention in private-sector wage setting beyond exhortations by them and the government that companies should keep pay settlements low if they wish to remain competitive both within the UK and in the rest of Europe — advice that employers have largely rejected in the past.

Instead, the CBI in particular, supported by other business lobbies such as the Institute of Directors, is pressing for a further clamp on pay in the public sector. They want to build on a perceived touchdown: Howard Davies, the CBI's energetic director general, last year brought the idea of a public sector pay limit back onto the public policy agenda — and within three months the government announced a limit on settlements of 1.5 per cent for 1992-3.

Senior Treasury officials believe that the carefully pitched 1.5 per cent limit will be enough at a time of high and rapidly rising unemployment to apply across the public sector without posing any real threat of industrial action. They judge that the grumblings against it from unions, such as Nalgo, the local government workers association, are largely ritualistic and will not, when it comes to it, carry much force. They may well be right.

A greater concern for the Treasury is that the policy will not hold because of employer, rather than employee, rejection of it: that a manager in a devolved government agency, or hospital trust, or opted-out school, will simply not be prepared to accept such direct central intervention into what was supposed to be their independent management freedom of action.

There are some signs of this. Waverley borough council for instance, in Conservative Surrey, has just agreed a deal averaging 3.77 per cent, which it has split into two 1.5 per cent parts in what unions will judge to be a largely cosmetic adherence to the pay limit. By cutting staff numbers, the council believes the paybill cost of the deal will be less than 1.5 per cent — though the government's limit is specifically not on paybills, but on actual settlements.

Similarly, South Oxfordshire and Tandridge district councils have agreed pay deals of 3.6 and 3.2 per cent respectively for the year covered by the pay limit, though both have said they will apply the limit next year.

Such anomalies make coming out of a pay policy always the hardest part. Pay policies are usually followed by pay explosions as, for different reasons, employers and employees catch up on what they feel they have lost. Michael Portillo, Treasury chief secretary, has insisted the government will not allow any pay catch-up after the limit is over, and Treasury officials are now puzzling out how they might go about trying to prevent this.

If the 1.5 per cent limit largely holds, ministers with an eye on the government's roaring public spending deficit will be tempted simply to repeat a limit on settlements. Such policies tend not to stick for more than a few years, and Howard Davies has already started to argue that the government should instead apply a paybill limit. This would give more flexibility, and head off revolts from devolved managers, but it would be difficult to police, and the Treasury would be wary of some arrangement that would cede central control. What happens next remains unresolved.

Ministers are pleased with the earnings breakthrough. But with inflation-plus deals still the norm, both government and business quietly recognise that private and public-sector pay may be looming as a returning problem — and one that may pose a real threat to Britain's recent inflation record.

TEMPUS

RTZ makes a canny bet

AT LEAST RTZ has shown it is not scared of President Clinton by buying into the American coal industry a day after his energy tax announcement. The market was naturally overawed by the acquisition of Nerco. The group was so hidebound by SEC regulations that it could release little more than tantalising hints of the details of the deal. Investors must indulge in pure guesswork to decide whether this is good news.

Superficially, RTZ seems to be taking a gamble. It is paying $1.16 billion, including the assumption of debt, for a company that lost $551 million last year. Put another way, the group is paying almost twice book value for an unappealing mixture of energy and precious metal assets. The group, however, has ensured the dice are weighted in its favour. Almost half the cash element is covered by a $225 million easy-payment loan from PacifiCorp, the vendor, which seems keen to do anything to get Nerco off its hands.

RTZ should be able to raise $400 million from the sale of the oil and gas and gold and silver interests. This will leave three coal mines that can generate more than $100 million a year and have the capacity to increase production over time by a fifth to more than 20 million tonnes a year. RTZ looks to be buying the mines at a net cost of $760 million on a p/e ratio of less than eight. Nerco's profits will also be boosted when RTZ refinances short-term borrowings at lower rates.

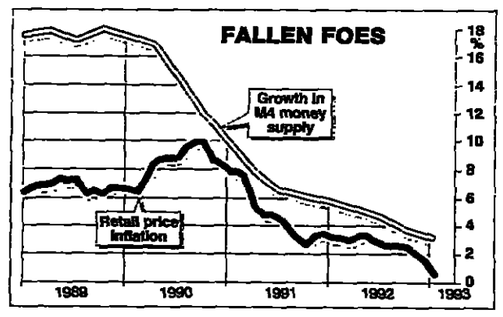
A rise in gearing to 60 per cent after the deal could still unnerve shareholders. If need not. RTZ proved its ability to consume large acquisitions when it bought BP Minerals. There is every sign it can repeat the trick.

Money supply

MONEY supply figures are looking increasingly messy and the Bank of England is at a loss to explain them. The run of disappointing figures is not only contradicted by strong growth in M0, but by a sharp rise in M4 lending. The economy is stalled, tentatively recovering or threatening to overheat depending on which figures you look at.

M4 growth has been depressed by 0.2 of a percentage point by a delay in building society interest credits, but even adjusting for this the figure is still 0.6 of a point below the Treasury's range. By contrast, last month's £4.1 billion rise in M4 lending was more than twice what the City expected and double the average growth of last year, and only a fraction of the growth can be accounted for by the change in VAT payments. In theory the rise should be reflected in the main M4 figure soon, but theories tend to be rewritten when confronted with statistics like these.

The Chancellor may ignore the message the poor M4 figure is sending out but he could use it to ease funding difficulties. The full-funding rule may be suspended as the government turns to the clearing banks as its lenders of last resort. If so, current M4 figures may be called on to suggest inflationary pressures are weak or non-existent, and that the economy will not come to any harm from a little boost to the money supply. A dangerous assumption, given all the conflicting signals.



Glaxo

THE interim results from Glaxo are hard to fault. A 16 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £819 million was far ahead of analysts' forecasts. Zantac showed unexpected strength, growing by 14 per cent at constant exchange rates. New products will provide growth when Zantac has to contend with generic competition.

Glaxo is better protected than its competitors against any price controls in America: only 1 per cent of its sales growth in the period was due to price increases, the bulk coming from rises in volume.

Even so, shareholders must be eyeing Glaxo's £1.5 billion cash reserve with increasing curiosity. The question is where to invest. Glaxo is already spending heavily on research and still generating cash. The group could increase the dividend but its policy of keeping payments in line with profit growth already rewards shareholders generously.

A few years down the line this war chest may prove invaluable. The nineties should see further consolidation in the pharmaceutical industry. Glaxo also needs resources to develop a capability to market its products, if appropriate, in the OTC market. The cash mountain should be seen as a strength, not a weakness.

Kingfisher

Kingfisher and Darty may dress their deal up as a merger, but in financial terms this is a takeover. Kingfisher will end up with more than 95 per cent of Darty, whereas Darty will have only 12 per cent of Kingfisher, plus some cash in the bank.

The financial pressures on Darty probably gave Kingfisher extra negotiating muscle. Debts of £477 million left over from its buyout must have looked daunting, faced with the prospect of continued high interest rates and an economic slowdown.

The risk of earnings dilution depends on how much of Darty's debt can be refinanced at a lower rate, and whether its profits for the year to August 1993 will be recession-hit. Some analysts forecast a 15 per cent fall, so dilution is likely.

In spite of the modest rights issue, Kingfisher's gearing will rise from 8 per cent to 66 per cent, although it will probably fall rapidly as both businesses are highly cash-generative. Kingfisher has been highly leveraged before, and its interest cover will still be seven times.

Kleinwort Benson

A 66 per cent rise in pre-tax profits at Kleinwort Benson suggests things are improving in this time-honoured merchant bank. Strip the figures bare and familiar doubts re-emerge. The fall in bad debts would have looked less impressive if the bank had not released £5.5 million from its general reserve. Before bad debt provisions the underlying trend in profits is still down. Kleinwort hopes to make a 23 per cent pre-tax return on capital in ideal conditions. On the strength of yesterday's figures it is difficult to imagine when conditions will ever be so ideal.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Bomford back to City roots

A FORMER Salomons director of European Research arrives at Barclays de Zoete Wedd next week after two years away from the City. Martin Bomford will join BZW on February 24 to cover conglomerates with Mark Cusack. Since 1991, Bomford, 48, has been running his own consultancy advising unquoted companies, including acting as a part-time finance director for a marine electronics company and advising a firm based in West Africa. He has also provided a financial advisory service for people who have been made redundant from the City. Before Salomons, Bomford was an electronic analyst at Hoare Govett and Smith Keen Cutler. A keen archery fan, he has more than 25 years of investment experience in the City, and says he is returning because he misses it. "It's one of those intangible things. When it's in the blood, it's very hard to shake it out again."

Dressed down

THE new dress code Harrods has issued to its staff has met with the displeasure of one of the department stores' customers. The memo on dress, sent to staff last week, includes the ruling that skirts must be no shorter that one inch above the knee. The disgruntled customer, who was told about the ruling by a sales assistant, has written to the City Diary to complain: "I am annoyed. Despite being an OAP, I like ladies in minis (providing the legs are attractive)." Michael Cole, Harrods' spokesman, is unrepentant: "We have always had a dress code, and this is just an improvement of standards. We indicate respect for our customers by being appropriately dressed for the job."

Exchange & dart

NEWSHOUNDS on *The Wall Street Journal* who are throwing darts at the paper's share price listings have proved better stock pickers than a group of Europe's top investment professionals. The game started last August, since when, the reporters' portfolio of four stocks has gained an average of 19 per cent, while that selected by four professionals gained an average of 5 per cent. It all adds weight to the "Efficient Market Theory", which holds that professional investors have little chance of beating the market with fundamental analysis, as the day's stock prices already reflect all relevant available information about a company's future performance. The idea for the contest is based on a suggestion in Burton Malkiel's book *A Random Walk Down Wall Street* that a chimpanzee with a set of darts could beat the market pros at their own game.



"Nothing but jobs in job centres . . ."

Speed staking

SIR Alastair Morton, chairman of Eurotunnel, has entered into a bet with John Collier, chairman of Nuclear Electric. The bet — Sir Alistair cannot remember whether it is for £10 or £20 — is that the tunnel will be completed before the Sizewell B power station in Suffolk. A Nuclear Electric spokesman says: "We are eight months ahead of schedule and should be in operation by May or June 1994." He thought the bet was for Champagne.

Riva connection

IT transpires that Harry Goodman, head of the collapsed International Leisure Group, was a consultant to another travel company that ceased trading on Wednesday. Riva Travel was due to appoint a receiver last night. Riva was a tour operator to the Mediterranean, Florida and the Caribbean. The 300 passengers overseas at the moment are protected by Riva's Civil Aviation Authority bond, and the CAA will handle their repatriation. Goodman is not the only link between Riva and ILG. Riva's managing director, Jackie Kernaghan, was also managing director of an ILG tour operating subsidiary, Global & Lancaster.

WENDY VAIZEY

BUSINESS LETTERS

Picking pension scheme trustees

From D.A. Langford

Sir, With the Goode Committee on Occupational Pensions now considering submissions prior to preparation and presentation of its report to the government around the middle of the year, it is timely to re-emphasise the need for pensioner representation on the boards of trustees of occupational pension schemes.

The pensioner is the most independent potential trustee that one could seek, as he is totally free of the pressures to which employees are quite obviously subject. Even the independent trustees recommended to be chosen from the financial establishment of banks, accountancy firms, actuarial organisations, etc, may not be totally free from pressures exerted by company managements.

Where the occupational pension scheme is contributory, there ought to be more than a moral obligation for giving pensioners, who have a considerable amount of their money invested in the fund, a substantial involvement in the control of that fund.

Finally, the company pensioner has the best appreciation of his company's culture and management calibre. His or her contribution to the deliberations of the trustee board must, therefore, be seen as a positive and valuable addition to the available skills and not, as is so often the case, something to be guarded against at all costs because the potential input is assumed to be negative and troublesome!

This association particularly hopes that members of Parliament will ensure that the company pensioner will not be ignored in the manner which has been so prevalent to date.

Yours faithfully,
D.A. LANGFORD,
Chairman,
English China Clays
Executive Retirement
Benefits Scheme
Pensioners' Association,
20 Sea Road,
Carlyon Bay,
St Austell, Cornwall.

Junk mail for shareholders

From Mr Christopher Daws

Sir, The cost of shareholder information is high. We are fortunate in the UK that so much time and effort is put into keeping shareholders informed, but at times it gets out of hand.

As representative for various shareholders within the family, I frequently receive three, four or five identical copies of company annual reports or interim statements. A takeover battle produces a deluge!

All this stems from the company law and Stock Exchange requirements that each shareholder should receive the same basic information. Elections to receive the abbreviated annual accounts reduce the flood only slightly.

Surely the law could be changed to allow a shareholder to elect not to receive any company communications (other than dividends and other potentially valuable documents) on the basis that an associated shareholder at the same address would share the documents with him? As a safeguard, each such shareholder could be reminded annually (perhaps by a note on his dividend counterfoil) that an election was in force.

Elections could be encouraged by a nominal addition to the annual dividend, to pass back some of the savings achieved.

Annual reports are not junk mail. But many are not needed and the trees that produced them could be put to better use.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER DAWS,
Sheepscombe House,
Jack's Green,
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Granite city would welcome Diamond service

From D. J. Marshall

Sir, How right Sir Michael Bishop is when he says that European business travellers have been taken for a ride for long enough (February 16), however many domestic business travellers get an even rougher deal. The service offered between Aberdeen and London leaves much to be desired. With the demise of Dan Air there is no effective competition on this route and those of us that have to travel it regularly pay through the nose for an indifferent service.

Aberdeen flights to and from Heathrow are frequently put on remote or international stands, necessitating bus transfers and as a result seldom arrive on time. The early morning traveller to London is confronted by lengthy queues at the Aberdeen check in and it is standing room only at the Terminal 1 Executive Club lounge early on a Friday evening. All this for an economy fare of £250 return! A flight to Stanstead is is just not practical for those with onward connections or business in West or South London. So Sir Michael, how about a "Diamond Service" between Aberdeen and London?

Yours faithfully,
D. J. MARSHALL,
12 Hilltop Gardens,
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL. 0345 717373				
Mastertrust	109.40	117.00	+1.10	1.44
International	81.08	86.25	+0.82	1.18
Dividend Gth	55.15	58.67†	+0.25	1.74
Global Gth Sec	59.74	63.55	+0.11	2.88
Ethical Growth	63.14	67.16	+0.16	2.83
High Inc Equity	147.00	156.30†	+0.70	5.44
Worldwide Bond	267.80	283.90†	+3.10	4.40
Gilts Fixed Int	129.50	137.30†	-0.10	6.92
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ. 0224 633070. Dealing: 0800 833580. 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ. 071 374 6801				
Amer Inc Gth	43.79	46.22	+0.57	1.83
European	80.54	85.42†	+1.51	...
European Inc	78.75	83.49†	+1.58	1.60
Exempt	876.60	905.30†	+4.90	3.38
Extra Inc	41.61	45.17	+0.12	5.57
F East Emerg Ec	82.64	88.90	+1.92	0.72
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL. 0793 514514. Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	368.70	394.10	+2.50	4.40
Equity Inc	303.80	317.80†	+1.40	4.22
High Yield	228.80	242.40	+1.30	4.36
Balanced	618.40	661.00	+4.30	2.87
American Inc	47.87	51.17†	+0.16	3.34
Wld Asset Val	37.68	40.27	+0.22	1.91
Japan	144.80	154.30	-0.50	0.01
Secs of Am	421.20	448.70	-1.10	0.37
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	305.00	324.50	+2.20	3.03
-do- Inc	218.60	232.60	+1.60	3.03
Higher Inc Acc	544.10	578.90	+1.60	4.21
-do- Inc	335.70	357.30	+1.10	4.21
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	173.60	183.30	-0.50	6.56
-do- Inc	93.53	98.77	-0.26	6.56
Nth America	262.00	278.80	+1.60	...
Far East	259.50	276.10	+6.10	0.30
Europe	217.50	231.40	+3.60	1.39
General Inc	413.10	439.50	+3.20	2.70
-do- Acc	449.70	478.50	+3.40	2.70
Brit Excell	62.22	66.20	+0.53	3.07
Brit Fndmtls Inc	64.25	68.36	-0.14	5.20
Brit Fndmtls Acc	81.86	87.09	+0.18	5.20
Global Opps	68.43	72.80	+0.97	0.12
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15. 081 534 5544				
Capital	104.30	111.60†	-0.70	3.34
Euro Gth Inc	113.50	120.20	+1.50	1.21
Extra Inc	102.10	109.20	+0.50	5.50
General	233.30	249.50	+1.50	3.46
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.05	59.02†	+0.06	8.80
Income	456.30	488.00†	+2.50	4.97
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ. 081 658 9002				
American Gth	93.02	98.77	+1.41	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	117.60	126.00	+0.30	...
Australia	...	...	...	...
Convertibles	51.57	55.15	+0.23	7.60
Eastern	178.80	192.30	+2.40	1.70
Equity Income	76.98	81.89	+0.66	6.70
European Gth	227.40	241.80	+3.30	1.60
Euro Smllr Cos	150.90	161.30	-1.10	2.00
Exempt	79.98	82.17†	.	3.90
German Growth	54.15	57.81	+0.28	0.80
Global Growth	107.40	114.60	+1.60	...
Japan Growth	163.30	175.10†	+3.40	...
Japan Sunrise	136.90	146.30	+3.20	...
Portfolio	113.70	121.60†	+0.80	3.40
-do- Acc	202.80	217.00†	+1.40	3.40
UK Growth	75.29	80.09	+0.19	3.20
UK Smaller Cos	76.18	81.47	+0.71	2.00
Select Managers	61.82	66.27	+0.48	2.10
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA. 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	101.12	108.15	+1.11	2.39
-do- Inc	92.61	99.05	+1.01	2.39
Global Bond	29.95	31.78	+0.51	5.78
High Yield Acc	50.07	53.55	-0.38	4.52
-do- Inc	36.70	39.25†	-0.28	4.52
Smlr Cos Acc	82.90	88.67	+0.45	1.81
-do- Inc	76.67	82.00	+0.41	1.81
Amer Gth Acc	58.26	62.31	+1.29	...
-do- Inc	57.18	61.15†	+1.27	...
Euro Gth Acc	97.17	103.92	+1.71	1.78
-do- Inc	96.27	102.97	+1.70	1.78
Mngd P folio	33.98	36.35	+0.47	1.54
Pacific Growth	90.17	96.44	+3.68	1.17
Intl Spec Opps	84.60	90.48	+1.04	1.09
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath. 0444 458144				
Financial	109.50	116.60†	+0.80	3.81
Smaller Cos Acc	260.50	277.40	+2.20	...
Smaller Cos Inc	152.50	162.50	+1.30	1.42
High Inc	71.28	76.27	+0.31	7.24
Income	122.90	131.50	+0.50	4.41
Mngd P folio Inc	90.13	95.99†	+0.56	2.17
-do- Acc	170.20	181.20	+1.00	...
North American	106.30	113.20	-0.30	0.19
Orient	101.60	109.30	+1.90	...
Recovery	36.66	39.41	+0.39	3.00
German	42.68	45.77	+0.22	0.09
Intl Growth	32.85	34.98	+0.44	0.22
European Inc	22.66	24.41	+0.18	0.46
Conv General	19.34	20.69	+0.03	8.06
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	64.22	68.32	-2.53	0.98
-do- Acc	71.60	76.18	+2.83	0.98
Income Fund 5	206.70	219.90	+1.60	4.10
-do- Acc	470.00	500.00	+3.70	4.10
Inv Portfolio	65.85	68.24†	+0.48	2.20
-do- Acc	74.35	77.05†	+0.53	2.20
Smaller Cos	117.10	124.60	+1.10	2.03
-do- Acc	140.70	149.70	+1.40	2.03
High Inc P folio	58.20	60.31	+0.40	4.81
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL. 071 490 7216				
Shi Gilt Fxd Int	69.26	70.19	-0.06	6.70
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH. 061 837 5060				
Environ	133.40	142.00	+1.10	1.73
UK Growth	141.20	150.30†	+1.20	2.48
UK Income	120.60	128.30	+0.40	4.60
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	81.22	86.87	+2.01	1.07
Growth	43.71	46.75†	+0.51	3.06
Income	51.60	55.19†	+0.13	4.03
Far East	42.92	45.90	+1.11	0.33
North American	79.81	85.82	+0.62	0.01
Global	81.91	87.60	+1.38	0.64
European	69.18	73.99	+1.23	1.26
Japan	89.56	95.79	+1.98	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	60.57	64.19	+1.42	4.92
UK Cap Gwth	76.79	82.13	+0.62	2.33
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF. Enquiries: 061 236 5685. Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	132.00	140.40	+1.90	0.06
-do- Acc	140.40	149.30	+2.10	0.06
European	67.24	71.18	+1.11	1.06
-do- Acc	69.69	73.78	+1.15	1.06
Far East Gen	50.19	53.40	+1.22	...
-do- Acc	50.19	53.40	+1.22	...
Glenfriars	244.10	259.70	+4.00	1.31
-do- Acc	274.10	291.60	+4.40	1.31
Growth	366.40	391.90	+2.70	2.60
-do- Acc	628.00	671.70	+4.70	2.60
Income Growth	360.50	383.60†	-1.30	4.13
-do- Acc	479.40	510.00	-1.70	4.13
Master Portfolio	9261.0	9566.0†	+67.00	2.87
-do- Acc	10667.0	11018.0	+77.00	2.87
Special Sits	84.24	89.62†	-0.58	2.54
-do- Acc	98.59	104.89	+0.67	2.54
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1162.0	1198.0	-5.00	4.66
-do- Acc	1345.0	1387.0	-6.00	4.66
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU. 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	195.00	207.70†	+1.90	1.76
Capital	520.40	555.30	+6.10	2.53
Eurotrack 100	130.40	138.60†	+1.00	1.73
Euro Gth	80.15	85.33	+0.60	1.45
Far East Growth	81.79	87.29	+1.08	0.49
Global Bond	23.44	24.70†	+0.09	6.43
Hong Kong	74.19	79.17	+1.98	0.63
Income	491.90	524.90	+3.60	4.77
Intl Growth	71.83	76.65	+0.67	1.06
Japan Growth	210.80	224.90	+3.50	...
Japan Smllr Cos	26.86	28.66†	+0.48	...
Japan Index	62.40	66.59†	+0.82	0.30
Nth American	423.20	451.60	+0.80	0.99
S'pore Mly Gth	49.62	52.95	+0.46	...
The Footsie Fd	105.70	111.60	+1.40	2.81
Tiger Index	137.70	146.90	+2.00	0.97
Trixie Index	98.20	104.80†	+0.60	2.92
UK Index	119.90	127.90†	+1.40	3.37
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH. 071 606 0708				
American P folio	83.14	88.83	...	1.00
European P folio	71.59	76.07	...	1.38
Japanese P folio	50.39	53.47	+0.56	...
Pacific P folio	91.93	98.85	+1.69	2.43
Cazenove P folio	67.97	72.70	...	3.00
UK Income Gth	60.81	65.23	...	5.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	585.00	591.20	...	5.04
Fixed Int	153.10	153.85	...	9.50
Deposit	6.20	6.35	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Income	575.06	577.14	...	5.18
-do- Acc	2223.3	2229.1	...	...
Deposit	6.00	6.14	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.60	124.64	...	9.31
-do- Acc	162.05	162.22	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1. 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	62.40	65.68	...	2.47
Beckman Intl	79.93	84.38	...	3.35
Friars Hse Inc	174.30	187.42	...	6.62
Friars Hse Cap	241.83	260.03	...	2.98
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222. Dealing: 081 686 9818				
American Gth	108.90	115.85	+1.37	...
European Gth	95.81	101.93	+1.81	1.26
Far East Gth	96.10	102.23	+2.67	0.30
Japan Gth Acc	34.26	36.45	+0.85	...
Managed	60.62	64.49	+0.64	3.01
-do- Acc	73.21	77.88	+0.77	3.01
Mthly Inc Plus	46.79	49.78	+0.09	8.28
Smaller Cos	31.57	33.59†	+0.07	2.18
-do- Acc	35.54	37.81	+0.09	2.18
UK General	66.83	71.10	-0.56	2.80
-do- Acc	80.12	85.23	+0.66	2.80
Wwide Bd	65.93	70.14	+1.27	6.11
-do- Acc	82.62	87.89	+1.59	6.11
Wwide Sp Sits	53.87	57.61†	+0.98	0.26
-do- Acc	56.12	60.02	+1.02	0.26
Quilter General	120.91	128.63	+1.01	2.53
-do- Acc	133.09	141.58	+1.11	2.53
Quilter Income	89.55	95.27†	+0.51	4.99
-do- Acc	110.36	117.40	+0.63	4.99
Quilter Intl	124.75	132.71	+1.14	0.44
-do- Acc	126.47	134.54	+1.16	0.44
Quilter UK Spec	67.94	72.28	+0.46	2.55
-do- Acc	89.88	95.62	+0.60	2.55
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	97.11	103.31	+0.48	1.88
Fixed Conv	39.83	42.37†	+0.24	8.33
-do- Acc	103.91	110.54	+0.64	8.33
Equity Inc	138.39	147.22†	+0.85	4.20
-do- Acc	444.98	473.38	+2.71	4.20
High Yield	114.81	122.14	+0.78	5.26
-do- Acc	429.70	457.13	+2.90	5.26
Preference	46.35	49.31†	-0.06	8.04
-do- Acc	234.47	249.44	-0.29	8.04
PPT Europe	150.31	159.90	+2.80	0.57
PPT Global Bnd	84.75	90.16	+1.64	4.79
PPT Gold Com	50.66	53.89	+0.81	...
PPT Thai	59.17	62.95	+0.11	...
PPT Hong Kong	99.13	105.46	+3.35	0.37
PPT Japan	94.20	100.21	+2.40	...
PPT N Amer	151.99	161.69	+2.14	...
PPT S'pore Mly	101.04	107.49	+2.87	...
PPT UK	112.89	120.10	+0.87	1.54
PPT Cash	91.02	91.02	+0.01	6.29
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ. 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	77.35	82.29	+1.74	0.96
Japanese Acc	48.67	51.78	+0.46	...
UK Balncd Inc	121.60	129.40	+1.20	2.59
-do- Acc	142.00	151.10	+1.40	2.59
UK Growth Acc	202.03	214.90	+2.10	2.25
UK High Inc	128.90	137.10	+1.40	6.93
-do- Acc	152.10	161.80	+1.60	6.93
N America Acc	113.10	120.30	+0.70	0.32
European Acc	151.60	161.30	+2.20	0.43
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.93	63.61	-0.04	8.88
-do- Acc	96.73	102.70	...	8.88
Intl Sp Sits Acc	45.52	48.43	+0.52	0.23
Environmntl Opp	71.24	75.79	+0.68	1.46
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	113.10	120.20	+0.60	...
UK Smlr Cos	179.50	190.70	+1.00	1.31
Eurofund	37.97	40.14	+0.16	1.00
Mngd Exempt	163.30	170.20	-0.50	3.08
Growth Inc	208.50	221.50†	+2.00	4.06
High Dist	135.20	143.70	+1.00	6.02
International	312.70	332.20	+2.00	0.98
Intl Income	80.33	85.75†	+0.46	3.03
Pacific	57.49	61.08	...	0.49
Smllr Jap Cos	56.21	59.78	+1.09	...
Tokyo	165.10	175.60	+1.80	...
Japan Exempt	91.78	94.30	-0.16	0.53
Sm Jap Exempt	462.60	475.30	+6.20	0.11
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU. 071 373 7261				
Endurance	165.00	175.50	-1.40	1.07
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW. 0296 431480				
Pelican	102.63	108.03	+0.93	3.61
High Income	117.02	123.19	+0.65	5.34
Tst of Inv Tsts	138.52	145.81†	+0.99	2.21
Special Sits	82.66	87.01	+0.59	3.32
North American	106.31	111.90	-0.93	0.98
Far Eastern	214.53	225.82	+0.81	1.54
Intl Growth	90.09	94.83	+0.32	1.46
European	64.02	67.39	+0.30	2.21
Smaller Cos	69.61	73.27	+0.77	2.27
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
America	217.90	231.40	+4.00	...
Cash Units Tst	100.00	100.00	...	6.00
European Tst	110.00	117.00	+1.20	...
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	93.65	99.14	+1.36	0.88
Far Eastern	119.10	127.50	+2.80	...
Overss Income	88.86	95.23	+1.48	2.69
UK Growth	89.81	96.05†	+0.73	1.72
UK Income	99.67	106.60	+0.50	3.88
US Smaller Cos	229.10	245.00	+2.20	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT. 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	417.70	446.60	-0.40	...
-do- Acc	426.70	456.30	-0.30	...
Capital	280.00	297.80	+0.40	2.19
-do- Acc	386.50	411.10	+0.70	2.19
Contl Smllr Cos	46.13	49.63	+0.44	1.36
-do- Acc	47.73	51.35	+0.46	1.36
Convertible	107.00	113.80	+0.10	6.62
-do- Acc	198.20	210.80	+0.30	6.62
European	97.70	104.40	+1.10	0.99
-do- Acc	101.00	107.90	+1.10	0.99
Extra Income	278.30	296.00†	+0.90	4.57
-do- Acc	389.60	414.40†	+1.20	4.57
Financial	104.90	112.80	+1.00	0.56
-do- Acc	109.20	117.40	+1.10	0.56
Health Fund Inc	120.50	128.70	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	120.50	128.70	-0.30	...
Income Tst	170.50	181.30	+0.60	4.32
-do- Acc	237.60	252.70	+0.80	4.32
Intl Growth	301.20	322.10	+1.40	...
-do- Acc	334.40	357.70	+1.60	...
Japan Gen	141.30	151.20	+2.90	...
-do- Acc	142.70	152.70	+2.90	...
Mngd P folio Inc	89.17	93.86	+0.48	1.07
-do- Acc	92.08	96.92	+0.50	1.07
Monthly Income	140.90	149.80	-0.50	4.67
Recovery	284.20	303.90†	+3.10	0.65
-do- Acc	332.80	355.80†	+3.50	0.65
Gilt Gth Tst	61.52	63.44	+0.10	7.01
-do- Acc	77.24	79.64	+0.12	7.01
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH. Dealing: 0722 411411. Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	338.97	360.61	+3.07	2.98
-do- Acc	684.41	728.10	+6.19	2.98
Euro Gth Dist	104.55	111.22†	+1.63	1.02
-do- Acc	107.67	114.54†	+1.67	1.02
Fixed Int Dist	130.21	137.73	+0.04	6.62
-do- Acc	216.13	228.61	+0.07	6.62
Intl Gth Dist	73.34	78.02	+0.79	1.81
-do- Acc	75.87	80.71	+0.82	1.81
Nth Amer Dist	168.46	178.61†	+1.50	0.85
-do- Acc	182.85	193.86†	+1.63	0.85
Pac Basin Dist	222.40	236.60†	+2.79	0.15
-do- Acc	225.83	240.25†	+2.85	0.36
Stewardship Dist	288.41	306.82	+2.09	1.96
-do- Acc	341.21	362.99	+2.48	1.96
Stwd Inc Dist	59.60	63.40†	+0.24	3.97
-do- Acc	73.12	77.79†	+0.29	3.97
N Am Stwd Dist	96.07	102.20†	+0.98	0.06
-do- Acc	101.62	108.11†	+1.04	0.06
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 2575. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	132.30	141.50	+1.20	...
European	400.10	424.30	+4.40	0.93
Far East General	198.40	212.00	+4.50	0.31
Germany	98.41	104.20	+1.00	0.39
Global Assets In	65.33	69.85	-0.03	2.20
Global Assets Ac	68.46	73.19	-0.03	2.17
Income	109.50	117.20	+0.70	7.19
International	250.80	268.00	+4.10	0.98
Intl Income	76.22	80.85	+1.34	4.56
Japan General	312.30	330.60	+2.80	...
Smllr Cos Div	43.39	46.41†	-1.12	6.54
UK Capital Inc	149.20	159.60†	+1.10	4.13
-do- Acc	255.20	273.00	+1.80	4.02
UK Spec Sits	68.86	73.65	+0.98	1.66
US General	112.20	119.50	+1.20	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	112.70	120.60	+1.50	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212. Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	41.94	44.86†	+0.26	1.29
Cash Trust*	127.35	127.35†	-0.01	5.34
Pract Inv Inc	100.21	107.46	+0.49	4.10
-do- Acc	213.95	229.44	+1.06	4.10
UK Smaller Cos	95.65	102.57	+0.29	1.65
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.30	25.99†	-0.41	8.58
High Inc	30.13	33.22†	-0.13	5.62
UK Equity Inc	122.39	130.90†	+0.81	4.32
Global Bond	30.50	31.67	+0.62	5.43
International Funds				
Gold Intl	65.27	69.90	+1.53	1.67
Frontier Markets	41.59	44.60	+0.52	0.29
Global Inc Gth	120.73	128.93	+2.27	2.72
UK Intl	107.71	115.20	-0.60	0.95
Overseas Funds				
American	128.94	137.81	+2.50	0.60
European	81.97	86.93†	+1.03	0.94
Euro Sel Opps	94.22	100.20†	+1.02	1.30
American Emerg	74.50	79.89	-0.29	...
Hong Kong	106.26	113.95†	+4.43	1.92
Japan	170.38	181.34	+4.73	...
Pacific Growth	142.70	153.03	+3.74	0.50
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979. Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	118.59	126.83	+1.14	0.95
American Gth	117.03	125.17	+0.69	0.35
European Gth	69.03	73.62	+1.11	0.82
German Hortzn	48.77	52.04	+0.88	0.92
Japan Gth	63.35	67.75	+0.80	...
Pacific Inc	126.12	134.88	+2.10	3.22
Pacific Strategy	103.31	110.49	+0.24	...
UK Prog Inc	70.31	74.22	+0.27	6.11
Gt British Cos	46.70	49.31	+0.34	2.00
UK Small Cos	42.69	45.66	-1.01	2.60
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE. 071 538 9668				
Cash	130.00	130.00	...	4.42
Gilt Fixed	120.60	127.90	...	6.57
Growth Equity	271.50	290.40	+3.00	2.31
Guardhill	409.80	437.80†	+3.90	2.64
Income Trust	101.30	108.20	+0.40	3.91
International	150.50	160.70	+1.40	0.32
Japan Trust	103.20	110.20†	+0.80	...
Managed	...	...	...	...
Nth American	252.40	269.60	+1.90	0.37
Pacific	333.90	356.70	+4.60	0.01
Prop Shares	...	...	...	...
Small Cos	...	...	...	...
European	337.40	360.40	+3.80	0.64
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW. 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	33.53	35.55†	...	1.81
-do- Acc	35.11	37.22	...	1.81
Inc Adv Inc	28.72	30.46	...	4.31
-do- Acc	29.61	31.39	...	4.31
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	68.70	73.59	+0.72	0.75
Equity Income	107.50	114.40†	+0.80	3.74
European	134.20	142.50	+2.00	1.49
Intl Situation	72.54	77.17	+0.84	...
Japanese	113.90	121.30	+1.50	...
North American	102.00	108.20	+1.40	0.06
Scandinavian	103.50	109.70	-0.40	0.12
Smaller Cos	28.33	30.14†	-0.53	2.42
HENDERSON PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XT. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	88.91	95.08	-0.64	...
Asian Enterprise	117.40	125.77	+1.16	0.84
Australian	130.23	139.21	+2.66	1.38
European	360.94	382.35	+7.17	0.98
European Inc	68.50	72.94	+1.47	3.05
Euro Sml Co	120.74	128.71	+2.29	0.80
Extra Income	250.92	267.12	+1.05	5.44
Family of Funds	65.68	70.24†	-0.96	1.28
Fixed Interest	55.70	59.56	+0.09	9.40
Global Resour	80.91	86.85†	+0.62	1.54
High Inc	268.54	287.06†	+0.71	4.20
Income Gth	226.40	241.11	+0.86	3.94
-do- Acc	569.74	606.76	+2.17	3.94
International	219.74	233.87	+1.79	0.84
Japan Spc Sit	190.39	202.38	+4.27	...
Japan	162.42	173.71†	+4.06	...
N Amer	229.13	243.87†	+4.21	0.14
Pacific Smllr Cos	161.91	174.51	+3.77	0.88
Pref Gilt	45.82	49.79†	+0.09	9.35
Smaller Cos Div	153.38	167.18†	+0.63	4.41
Special Sits	248.39	266.77	+1.06	1.49
-do- Acc	380.41	407.03	+1.62	1.49
Best of British	54.33	58.24	+0.48	2.44
Spirit of the East	53.42	57.00	-0.03	0.74
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
British	84.91	90.81	+0.01	2.34
Capital	149.20	159.50†	+1.50	2.07
Dollar	306.70	328.00	+6.00	0.29
European	191.30	204.50	+2.40	0.57
Far East	229.50	245.40	+5.30	0.63
Financial	631.10	674.90	+4.00	2.65
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.76	26.76†	+0.03	8.12
High Yield	96.59	103.30	-0.50	5.23
Income	128.30	137.20	+0.70	3.67
Intl	205.10	219.30†	+4.10	0.51
Japan Tech	55.54	59.49†	+1.21	...
Nat Resources	56.33	60.24	+1.31	0.88
Security	283.60	303.30	-0.70	2.20
Smaller Cos	102.10	109.10	-2.00	1.79
Special Sits	128.60	137.50	+0.70	2.38
US Smaller Cos	65.09	69.61	-0.03	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN. 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	245.30	258.20	+1.20	1.40
Capital Gwth	101.10	106.40	...	2.50
Inv Trusts	123.30	129.80	...	0.73
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR. 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	21.94	24.11†	...	1.81
Special Features	25.96	27.58	+0.19	1.63
-do- Acc	30.44	32.34	+0.23	1.63
General Funds				
UK Growth	50.88	54.47	+0.30	2.73
Assets Earnings	67.76	71.99†	+0.52	2.08
do Acc	79.76	84.74†	+0.62	2.08
Managed Invest	80.85	86.35†	+1.07	1.38
Rupert Children	73.51	78.37	+0.75	1.79
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.09	50.09†	+0.01	5.02
Extra Inc	75.96	81.34†	+0.18	5.36
Gilt	27.61	29.07	+0.03	7.14
Income Gth	36.99	39.57	+0.21	3.80
MIMstar	76.04	77.93	+0.03	8.31
Preference	17.45	19.12†	+0.05	6.99
UK Income	296.60	316.90	+1.30	3.63
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	52.13	55.38	+0.63	1.72
Property Shares	55.68	59.16	+0.42	2.20
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	136.30	143.30	+1.00	3.74
European Acc	110.80	117.40	+1.50	1.88
European Dist	105.40	111.70	+1.40	1.92
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	49.65	52.78	+0.86	1.04
European Perf	107.40	113.90	+1.90	1.23
-do- Acc	109.40	116.00	+1.90	1.23
Euro Small Cos	20.15	21.47	+0.20	0.80
French Growth	67.73	72.09†	+1.22	0.64
-do- Acc	72.19	76.84†	+1.30	0.64
Hong K/China	64.19	69.05†	+1.69	1.53
Intl Growth	48.63	51.66	+0.74	1.22
-do- Acc	48.63	51.66	+0.74	1.22
Japan Perf	26.92	28.58	+0.60	...
Accum Units	26.92	28.58	+0.60	...
Japan Smllr Cos	29.01	30.81	+0.75	...
Singapore Assan	70.67	76.55	+1.20	0.62
-do- Acc	71.11	77.02	+1.20	0.62
South East Asia	209.40	225.90	+4.70	0.90
US Smllr Cos	108.50	115.20	+0.90	...
-do- Acc	109.70	116.50	+1.10	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	81.33	86.66	+1.11	2.70
Intl Bond	57.24	57.99†	+0.79	6.61
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	68.66	69.00†	+0.01	5.63
Extra Income	50.37	53.59	-0.28	7.18
Gilt Yield	119.10	125.70	+0.30	7.96
Global Income	191.40	203.60†	+4.56	4.20
High Yield	128.00	136.20†	+1.00	6.44
Smllr Cos Div	41.87	44.54†	+0.13	5.37
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	89.76	95.49	+1.20	...
North American	75.97	80.82	+0.40	0.43
European	130.50	138.80	+0.90	0.91
Euro Special	77.83	82.80	+0.59	1.00
General	257.50	273.90†	+2.80	3.48
Japan	325.00	345.70	+5.60	...
Japanese Special	173.80	184.90	+2.70	...
Master Acc	211.60	225.10	+2.00	1.47
Pacific	243.00	258.50	+3.50	0.51
Smaller Cos	91.98	97.85	+0.46	2.36
UK Equity Gth	33.45	35.59†	+0.87	2.78
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5151				
European	72.66	77.30	+0.84	0.72
Extra Income	23.28	24.77	+0.17	3.55
Far East	23.34	24.83	+0.35	0.99
Income Gwth	69.78	74.23†	+0.57	3.10
Intl Growth	48.60	51.70	+0.52	1.02
Japan	51.96	55.28†	+0.54	...
Maximum Dist*	100.40	102.40†	...	8.15
N Amer Equity	39.81	42.35	+0.23	0.50
UK Equity	83.31	88.63	+0.75	2.94
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	51.65	54.95†	+0.55	4.84
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex. Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	413.10	439.50	+2.70	3.00
Equity Acc	778.00	827.70	+5.20	3.00
Equity Income	87.72	93.32†	+0.40	5.26
European	94.89	100.90†	+1.29	1.64
Far Eastern	160.50	170.70	+2.80	0.34
Fixed Interest	50.30	53.51	+0.06	8.00
Gilt	90.88	96.37	+0.09	6.80
Global Growth	62.32	66.30	+0.98	1.08
Intl Bond	57.34	61.00†	+0.79	5.40
Japanese	56.06	59.64	+1.04	...
Overseas Equity	90.36	96.13	+1.33	0.86
Pacific Gth	78.98	84.02	+1.28	1.43
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834313				
Balanced	307.60	327.30	+2.70	3.24
-do- Acc	666.20	708.80	+5.90	3.24
Contl Euro Gth	50.94	53.63	+0.72	1.42
-do- Acc	53.87	56.71	+0.76	1.42
Extra Inc	227.90	242.50	-2.40	4.41
-do- Acc	554.10	589.50	-6.10	4.41
German Gth	101.40	106.80	+1.10	0.19
-do- Acc	106.40	112.00	+1.10	0.19
Growth Port	472.10	502.30	+2.70	2.89
-do- Acc	472.10	502.30	+2.70	2.89
Income	426.40	453.70	-3.90	4.01
-do- Acc	1081.0	1150.0	-10.00	4.01
Income Port	477.20	507.70	+1.30	4.20
-do- Acc	477.20	507.70	+1.30	4.20
Japan Growth	77.61	82.57	+1.34	0.01
-do- Acc	77.88	82.86	+1.36	0.01
Master Trust	50.30	53.52	+0.34	1.38
-do- Acc	54.71	58.21	+0.37	1.38
N American Gen	185.00	196.90	-0.60	0.01
-do- Acc	213.70	227.40	-0.70	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	132.40	140.90	+0.30	0.01
-do- Acc	135.10	143.80	+0.30	0.01
Pacific Basin	191.30	203.30	-3.50	0.54
-do- Acc	202.00	214.90	+3.70	0.54
Small Cos Rec	285.80	303.90	-8.50	2.40
-do- Acc	368.60	388.00	-11.10	2.40
UK Growth	76.82	81.73	+0.54	2.36
-do- Acc	89.58	95.30	+0.63	2.36
Worldwide Gth	266.80	283.90	+0.90	0.28
-do- Acc	393.10	418.30	+1.20	0.28
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282673				
General	75.03	80.50	+0.63	3.10
Income	58.10	62.34	+0.28	6.10
International	53.71	57.63	+0.60	0.80
American	59.51	63.85	-0.52	0.30
Japan	40.78	43.76	+0.49	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	52.68	56.52	+0.52	2.00
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	387.80	409.80†	+2.80	0.90
-do- Acc	478.50	505.70	+3.50	0.90
American Rec	397.80	421.70	+2.60	0.60
-do- Acc	455.10	482.50	+3.10	0.60
Am Sm Co Acc	115.20	123.30	-0.20	0.16
Australia Acc	136.40	144.30	+2.60	1.69
Capital	595.80	630.10†	+3.20	3.30
-do- Acc	657.40	695.30	+3.50	3.30
Commodity Acc	379.60	401.40	+3.10	1.30
Compnd Gth	773.20	818.20	+6.10	3.45
Dividend	32.30	34.60	+0.20	4.90
-do- Acc	126.00	134.90	+1.10	4.90
Equity Inc	272.90	288.60†	+1.00	5.74
European Div	56.30	60.10†	+0.80	5.15
-do- Acc	63.60	68.00	+1.00	5.15
European Gen	374.40	395.90	+3.70	1.59
-do- Acc	467.70	494.50	+4.60	1.59
Extra Yield	344.90	369.00	+2.80	5.18
-do- Acc	991.30	1060.4	+7.90	5.18
Far Eastern	258.60	274.10†	+5.40	1.56
-do- Acc	340.20	360.60	+7.10	1.56
Fund of Inv	476.90	504.30	+3.70	2.46
-do- Acc	860.40	909.80	+6.60	2.46
General	50.40	53.30	+0.40	4.08
-do- Acc	132.70	140.40	+1.10	4.08
Gilt Fxd Int	61.20	61.20†	...	8.90
do Acc	151.10	151.30	...	8.90
Gold	36.80	39.40†	+0.20	2.04
-do- Acc	43.00	46.10	+0.20	2.04
High Inc	22.80	24.30	+0.10	5.29
-do- Acc	84.40	89.20	-0.70	5.29
Intl Growth	64.80	68.70†	+0.40	1.16
-do- Acc	111.60	118.40	+0.70	1.16
Intl Inc	88.40	94.10	+0.90	5.29
Japan Gen Acc	40.60	43.00	+0.50	...
Japan Smllr Cos	116.80	123.60	+1.90	...
Midland	48.60	52.00	+0.10	4.67
-do- Acc	153.90	164.60	+0.50	4.67
Recovery	33.10	35.40	+0.30	3.54
-do- Acc	52.00	55.60	+0.40	3.54
Second Gen	56.70	60.00	+0.30	4.00
-do- Acc	138.50	146.50	+0.50	4.00
Smaller Cos	55.00	58.30†	+0.10	3.83
-do- Acc	104.30	110.50	-0.20	3.83
Trustee	35.80	37.90	+0.10	4.41
Charibond 3	£110.31	... †	-0.10	9.77
Charifund 2	590.00	598.90†	+4.10	5.39
Pension ex 1	822.70	843.30	+6.40	4.72
NAACIF Inc 3	344.50	... †	-0.20	8.01
-do- Acc 3	£1048.0	...	-5.70	8.01
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 418, Chester X, CH99 9QG. 0244 688066				
Inv Port Inc	129.90	138.90†	+0.94	2.62
-do- Acc	144.30	154.30†	+0.96	2.62
UK Income	106.50	113.90†	+0.80	3.23
-do- Acc	118.70	127.00†	+0.80	3.23
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	75.53	80.78†	+0.50	0.62
Far East (Pacific)	121.10	129.50	+1.30	0.45
Income Growth	68.06	72.25†	+0.92	4.48
European	64.38	68.34†	+0.60	2.02
Nth American	56.59	60.07	+0.22	1.21
UK Growth	74.29	78.86	+1.06	1.50
Intl Growth	86.24	91.54	+0.75	0.75
Charities	103.10	109.40†	+0.60	4.82
Intl Income	63.51	67.42	+0.72	4.50
Japan	40.89	43.40	+0.31	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	189.00	200.70	+1.40	...
-do- Acc	202.00	214.60	+1.50	...
Cash	100.50	100.50†	...	6.43
-do- Acc	127.90	127.90†	...	6.43
European Gth	192.40	204.10	+2.70	0.34
-do- Acc	205.90	218.50	+2.90	0.34
General	442.40	471.90	+4.40	2.75
-do- Acc	829.50	884.80	+8.30	2.75
Global Dist	136.00	143.00	+1.30	5.45
-do- Acc	149.10	156.60	+1.40	5.45
Income	130.60	139.40†	+0.60	5.22
-do- Acc	191.20	204.00†	+0.90	5.22
International	359.00	382.90	+4.00	0.97
-do- Acc	476.20	507.90	+5.00	0.97
Japan	152.80	162.10†	+2.30	...
-do- Acc	156.90	166.50†	+2.40	...
New Europe	129.40	138.10†	+1.30	1.45
-do- Acc	131.60	140.40†	+1.30	1.45
Recovery	274.20	292.50	+2.10	2.40
-do- Acc	342.70	365.60	+2.80	2.40
European Inc	73.74	78.34†	+1.08	3.00
-do- Acc	93.55	99.39†	+1.36	3.00
Brit Blue Chip	69.28	73.83	+0.60	3.73
-do- Acc	81.13	86.45	+0.69	3.73
Portfolio	71.45	75.98	+0.62	3.15
-do- Acc	80.06	85.14	+0.69	3.15
Gold General	64.35	68.55	+1.33	3.54
-do- Acc	65.14	69.49	+1.35	3.54
Pacific	85.05	90.72	+1.13	0.55
-do- Acc	89.89	95.89	+1.19	0.55
UK Smaller Cos	48.59	51.83	-0.17	1.11
-do- Acc	54.05	57.64	+0.20	1.11
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. Dealing: 0742 528 200. Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	56.19	60.10	+0.41	3.41
-do- Acc	56.19	60.10	+0.41	3.41
British Dist	74.05	79.24†	+0.64	2.36
-do- Acc	83.82	89.65	+0.72	2.36
European Gth	166.90	178.10	+2.40	0.21
-do- Acc	209.60	223.60	+3.00	0.21
Extra High Inc	66.42	71.04	+0.21	6.67
-do- Acc	115.50	123.50	+0.40	6.67
FT-SE 100 Index	46.75	50.00	...	...
-do- Acc	46.75	50.00	...	...
Gilt Fixed Int	56.34	58.71	+0.04	7.10
-do- Acc	146.23	152.40	+0.10	7.10
High Yield	209.00	223.50	+0.80	5.27
-do- Acc	479.90	512.80	+1.90	5.27
Income	264.60	283.00†	+1.40	4.02
-do- Acc	549.90	588.10	+3.10	4.02
Japan Gth	273.90	292.90	+5.20	...
-do- Acc	286.10	309.20	+6.00	...
Mandarin Acc	92.35	98.77	+2.09	1.26
North American	166.40	178.00	+3.00	0.93
-do- Acc	209.20	223.70	+3.70	0.93
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Dealing: 071 826 0826. Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	248.00	264.00†	+2.20	0.48
Deposit Inc	100.02	100.02†	+0.01	4.46
Deposit Acc	121.24	121.24†	+0.01	4.46
Euro Gth Acc	253.40	270.60†	+3.90	...
Europa	115.40	123.80†	+1.20	...
Intl Gth	157.50	168.10	+1.20	...
Japan Tracker	60.06	63.63	+0.60	...
UK Equity Inc	137.40	148.30	+0.20	5.29
-do- Acc	165.40	178.50	+0.30	5.29
UK Intl Tracker	136.40	146.10†	+1.10	3.61
US Eq Intl Trkr	195.30	205.00	+2.30	1.26
-do- Acc	203.40	215.70	+2.40	1.26
Asian Trader	142.90	154.90	+3.30	1.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PK. 0345 090 955				
American Inc	172.30	176.10†	-2.30	2.71
European	59.28	61.45	+0.62	1.27
Olympia	51.86	53.24†	+0.47	0.83
Global Bond	47.69	48.21†	+0.26	7.14
Smaller Cos	58.25	61.39	+0.08	1.97
Equity Income	88.79	91.35	+0.58	5.04
UK Growth	80.34	82.73	+0.61	1.87
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222. Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	47.63	50.80	+0.61	0.75
Australian Acc	283.80	304.50	+3.90	...
Conscience	61.41	65.53	+0.29	1.71
-do- Acc	65.95	70.38	+0.33	1.71
European	166	179.20	+2.70	1.21
-do- Acc	179.30	191.20	+2.90	1.21
Extra Income	70.27	74.99	+0.52	6.31
-do- Acc	105.50	112.50	+0.70	6.31
Far East Gth	144.70	154.60	+2.50	0.08
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.30	60.54	+0.06	7.61
Gold	28.71	30.87	+0.35	...
-do- Acc	30.92	33.24	+0.37	...
Income	49.75	53.06	+0.30	5.65
-do- Acc	149.20	159.10	+0.60	5.65
International	28.30	30.36	+0.54	0.89
-do- Acc	40.67	43.63	+0.78	0.89
Jap Sm Cos Acc	254	270.90	+3.60	...
S pore Mly Acc	149.40	160.20	+2.20	...
Smllr Cos Acc	23.39	25.15	+0.08	2.03
Special Sits	31.01	33.34	+0.21	1.86
-do- Acc	35.38	38.04	+0.22	1.86
Tokyo	67.93	72.45	+1.64	...
-do- Acc	68.61	73.18	+1.65	...
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF. 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	65.35	69.53	+0.46	3.00
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	72.60	76.83	+0.07	7.02
N&P Higher Inc	176.80	187.60†	+0.60	5.09
N&P UK Income	95.51	102.16	+0.37	4.24
N&P Intl	83.50	89.79	+0.92	2.21
N&P Smaller Cos	70.72	75.64	+0.42	1.96
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA. 071 407 4404				
General	156.03	165.99	+1.58	2.53
Global	264.06	280.92	+4.37	0.82
Growth	100.57	107.31	+0.71	2.50
Income	191.74	203.98†	+1.36	4.30
Intl Bond	127.40	135.54	+2.68	8.30
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR. 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577.				
Growth	133.70	140.70	+1.10	2.86
-do- Acc	231.50	247.60	+1.80	2.86
Income	208.80	222.10	+1.50	3.93
Intl Equity	207.20	220.40	+2.70	1.16
-do- Acc	226.80	241.32	+2.90	1.16
Equity	208.40	221.60	+1.50	2.72
-do- Acc	422.40	449.30	+3.00	2.72
UK Intl 25 Acc	65.62	69.80	+0.61	2.18
UK Income	56.72	60.39†	+0.33	3.49
UK Smllr Co Acc	66.36	70.59	+0.68	1.84
New Europe Acc	61.11	65.00	+0.94	1.66
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames. 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	83.15	88.94	+0.93	0.29
PEP Gth Inc	93.24	99.73	+1.40	1.46
Intl Gth	434.50	465.14	+3.05	0.75
Income	273.99	293.04	+2.14	4.09
W wide Recov	271.47	290.35	+2.84	1.25
American Gth	193.08	206.51	+0.75	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	167.68	179.34	+0.39	0.27
Far East Gth	176.08	188.33	-0.98	0.32
European Gth	108.20	115.73	-0.37	1.16
UK Growth	69.95	74.82	+1.02	3.20
High Income	75.59	80.65†	+0.53	4.90
Japanese Gth	161.32	172.13	+1.78	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443				
International	166.40	177.00	+2.60	0.81
High Income	102.60	109.20	+0.50	3.91
Conv Gilt	107.50	114.40†	+0.60	6.73
Far East	290.80	309.40	+3.40	0.12
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	49.49	52.65	+0.63	0.56
Emerging Mkts	58.97	62.73	+1.21	0.23
General	46.14	49.09	+0.31	3.49
International	81.05	86.22	+1.17	1.32
Gilt Units	25.30	26.08†	+0.03	8.16
Global PEP	34.49	36.69	+0.43	2.13
Income Gth	60.88	64.55†	+0.35	5.45
European	43.24	46.00	+0.66	1.15
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.27	26.48	+0.03	6.20
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377. Pricebank 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst**	28.87	30.87	+0.39	1.74
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	100.92	100.92†	+0.01	5.51
-do- Acc	103.97	103.97†	+0.01	5.51
Pru Equity	637.56	681.88	+4.15	2.48
Pru Equity Inc	76.75	82.08†	+0.01	4.61
Pru European	170.53	182.38	+2.77	1.85
Pru Global Gth	75.10	80.32†	+1.00	1.60
Pru High Inc	83.69	89.50	-0.18	5.73
Pru Intl	150.10	160.53†	+3.03	1.35
Pru Intl Sm Co	63.69	68.11	+1.12	0.94
Pru Japanese	145.94	156.08	+2.66	...
Pru Nth Amer	142.40	152.29	+2.89	0.46
Pru Pacific Mkt	70.88	75.80†	+1.43	1.86
Pru Premr Inc	49.16	51.19†	...	7.48
Pru Smllr Cos	77.58	82.97	+0.41	2.52
Pru Spec Sits	94.54	101.11†	+0.76	2.27
Pru UK Grwth	105.80	113.15†	+0.81	2.39
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR. Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
Income	148.40	159.77	+0.77	3.78
Japan	218.99	234.53	+3.10	...
Major UK Cos	89.87	96.70	+0.62	2.60
America Income	460.22	493.02	+3.00	0.58
-do- Acc	534.54	572.65	+3.49	0.58
Smllr UK Cos	245.05	266.84	+1.34	1.89
Smllr European	246.93	263.11	-3.38	1.54
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	71.68	76.25	+0.24	3.84
Capital Units	137.10	145.80	+1.70	1.60
Commodity	95.12	101.10†	+0.40	1.32
European Gth	148.80	158.20	+1.40	1.46
Financial Sec	161.00	171.20	+2.00	2.07
High Return	204.40	217.40†	+1.60	5.00
High Yield	198.90	211.50	+0.90	4.27
Income Units	103.30	109.80†	-0.60	5.83
Investment	163.50	173.90	+1.20	1.51
Japan Gth	113.40	120.60	+1.20	...
Japan Smaller	155.10	165.00	+1.40	...
Masterfund	43.67	46.45	+0.25	1.25
Scotbits	235.30	250.30†	+3.20	2.21
Scotshares	241.20	256.50	+0.40	2.81
Scotyields	213.10	226.70†	+3.70	4.10
Select Intl	122.40	130.20	+1.20	0.71
Smaller Cos	206.40	219.50	+0.50	4.67
Special Situation	105.10	111.80	+1.00	0.85
UK Equity	212.80	226.30†	+2.20	3.11
US Growth	137.70	146.40†	+0.60	0.30
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	240.39	256.41	+1.57	0.70
-do- Acc	259.70	277.01	+1.70	0.70
Australian	127.96	136.49†	+1.42	0.26
-do- Acc	149.94	159.94	+1.67	0.26
UK Enterprise	194.35	207.30†	+1.97	3.15
-do- Acc	224.51	239.47	+2.28	3.15
European Gth	61.05	65.11†	+0.47	1.34
-do- Acc	63.19	67.40	+0.49	1.34
Euro Smllr Cos	55.12	58.79†	+0.07	0.70
-do- Acc	55.50	59.19	+0.07	0.70
Far Eastern Gth	63.72	67.96†	+1.22	...
-do- Acc	64.83	69.15	+1.25	...
Fixed Interest	52.96	55.75	+0.03	8.80
-do- Acc	63.33	66.78	+0.04	8.80
Gilt Income	104.38	110.00	+0.12	8.55
-do- Acc	141.13	148.72	+0.16	8.55
Income	293.38	312.93	+2.67	4.59
-do- Acc	849.76	906.40	+7.71	4.59
Japan Enterprise	52.49	55.98	+0.75	...
-do- Acc	52.49	55.98	+0.75	...
Japan Smllr Cos	334.57	356.57†	+5.74	...
-do- Acc	335.24	357.59	+5.76	...
Pacific Gth	81.58	87.01†	+1.10	0.55
-do- Acc	84.12	89.72	+1.13	0.55
Smaller Cos	178.60	190.50†	+1.09	1.32
-do- Acc	204.68	218.32	+1.25	1.32
Tokyo	85.47	91.16	+1.15	...
-do- Acc	86.33	92.08	+1.16	...
UK Equity	196.85	209.97†	+2.63	3.38
-do- Acc	364.54	388.85	+4.88	3.28
US Smllr Cos	124.65	132.95	+0.87	...
-do- Acc	124.65	132.95	+0.87	...
World Fd	67.05	71.51†	+0.67	1.75
-do- Acc	70.75	75.46	+0.71	1.75
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ. 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	41.11	43.78†	+0.32	4.38
Equity Strategy	60.04	63.94	+0.30	1.92
European Opps	70.59	75.18	+0.12	3.22
Maximum Inc	97.63	100.22†	+0.03	5.68
UK Smaller Cos	47.08	50.14	-0.01	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	331.00	354.00	+2.60	3.18
American	248.10	263.50	+4.00	0.99
Pacific	291.20	311.40	+7.70	0.86
European	448.90	480.10	+7.20	1.29
Worldwide	75.97	81.25	+1.15	1.47
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	294.30	313.10	+1.80	2.98
UK Sm Cos Eqy	188.80	200.90	+0.10	2.84
European	325.80	346.60	+4.60	1.77
North American	248.60	264.50	+2.10	0.55
Income Plus Inc	61.97	65.93	+0.28	4.23
UK Spec Sits	63.59	67.66	+0.18	2.66
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	24.26	25.97	+0.16	3.31
Intl Growth Acc	26.92	28.81	+0.39	1.22
Global Inc Acc	30.05	32.16	+0.29	4.09
Market Ldrs Acc	24.90	26.65†	+0.31	3.27
SG TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	81.97	87.66	+1.04	...
Euro Spec Sits	42.90	45.59	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	45.42	48.27	+0.85	...
Far East Opps	30.07	32.23	+0.84	...
-do- Acc	30.89	33.12	+0.87	...
General Growth	95.65	102.50†	+0.40	...
Global Tech	117.50	127.00	+1.60	...
Income Growth	95.82	103.10†	+0.40	3.99
Income Monthly	54.90	58.71	+0.27	5.36
Japan Growth	66.41	70.62	+1.60	...
Overseas Gth	72.57	77.25	+1.57	...
Smaller Cos	68.58	73.74	+0.25	1.93
Special Opps	93.74	100.70†	+0.10	2.08
Wld Spec Sits	43.76	47.12	+0.45	...
-do- Acc	43.86	47.23†	+0.45	...
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 0800 393777				
Managed	42.09	44.73	+0.10	1.83
Equity Gth Acc	56.73	60.28	...	1.23
UK Eq General	40.75	43.30	.	2.44
-do- Acc	53.46	56.81	...	2.44
European Acc	40.70	43.25	+0.10	1.37
Far East Acc	47.42	50.39	+0.10	0.35
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	30.33	32.08	...	0.57
N American Acc	44.02	46.78	+0.30	0.75
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	257.70	275.30	+0.50	1.75
UK Eq High Inc	33.91	36.03	-0.10	4.00
-do- Acc	39.72	42.21	-0.10	4.00
UK Lgr Cos Inc	279.50	303.30	+0.50	3.89
UK Lgr Cos Acc	359.50	390.10	+0.70	3.89
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N283.37	N283.58	..	1.10
US Eq	$2.036	$2.162	..	0.86
Far East Eq	Y194.6	Y206.7	..	..
Japan Eq	Y196.7	Y208.9	..	..
FT Europe	112.10	119.10	...	1.83
FT North Am	$1.718	$1.825	...	0.83
FT Japan	Y193.7	Y205.0	...	..
FT Asia Ex Jap	113.40	120.40	..	1.18
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271				
American	347.70	369.10	+1.60	0.29
British	906.10	958.70	+3.50	4.70
European	374.00	398.30	+5.40	1.61
Japan	121.60	129.40	+3.00	..
New Pacific	284.80	303.30	+4.00	1.37
Mngd Cash	95.92	95.92	...	5.39
Majority Stg	100.10	101.10	+0.01	5.27
Inv Tst	177.50	188.10	+1.40	2.03
Saltire PPP	366.00	395.30	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	702.10	750.90†	+5.10	2.56
N America Acc	112.10	119.90†	-0.50	0.32
Far East Acc	112.80	120.60†	+4.80	0.18
W wide Bond	63.02	66.90	+0.94	5.38
European	80.56	86.16	-0.99	0.71
Equity Income	78.06	83.49	-0.38	4.17
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	34.34	36.73	+0.23	0.83
Managed Assets	114.22	122.17	+0.71	3.78
UK Income	35.14	37.59	+0.21	4.05
UK Growth	35.03	37.47	+0.25	3.00
Worldwide Gth	29.04	31.06	+0.26	0.64
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE. 0264 346794				
American	201.11	213.95	+3.09	0.24
-do- Acc	220.89	234.99	+3.40	0.24
British Gth	81.93	87.16	-0.61	2.37
-do- Acc	95.61	101.71	+0.72	2.37
European	90.58	96.68†	-1.35	1.20
-do- Acc	95.86	101.98†	+1.43	1.20
Extra Inc	174.71	185.86†	-0.60	4.72
-do- Acc	278.66	296.45†	-0.96	4.72
General Unit	251.23	267.27†	+1.99	2.63
-do- Acc	495.73	527.37†	+3.91	2.63
Income	309.62	329.38	+1.74	3.87
-do- Acc	630.64	670.89	+3.53	3.87
International	472.06	502.19	+6.31	0.58
-do- Acc	617.05	656.44	+8.25	0.58
Pacific	308.79	328.50	-1.81	0.05
-do- Acc	323.39	344.03	-1.90	0.05
Premier Income	50.15	52.22†	+0.17	7.39
-do- Acc	102.95	107.24†	+0.35	7.39
Nat Resources	90.58	96.36	+0.73	..
-do- Acc	99.32	105.66	+0.79	...
Selected Opps	89.88	95.62	+1.59	1.31
-do- Acc	112.24	119.40	+1.98	1.31
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Charlton Place, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1RE. 0264 346747				
American Eagle	124.70	133.10	+1.80	0.23
Australia	6.991	7.500†	-0.140	1.07
Equity	175.00	187.10	+1.00	4.56
Euro Spec Sits	141.90	150.60	+2.00	0.58
Financial	37.26	39.90	+0.40	3.06
Global Opps Inc	86.75	92.61	+1.26	2.17
-do- Acc	89.92	96.00	+1.31	2.17
Gold Gen Inc	40.67	43.60	+0.33	1.01
-do- Acc	77.60	83.22	+0.62	1.01
Income	114.00	121.90	+0.60	5.06
Japan General	124.70	132.60	+2.30	..
Preference	21.61	23.30†	-0.04	7.82
UK Capital	99.20	106.10†	+0.70	3.18
Worldwide Cap	191.60	204.60†	+2.10	3.14
World Income	81.17	86.54†	+1.04	3.51
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF. 071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Sml Cos	72.86	77.71†	+1.39	...
-do- Acc	75.15	80.16†	+1.44	...
Cash	51.30	51.30	...	6.25
-do- Acc	61.06	61.06	+0.01	6.25
European Opps	61.74	65.79	+1.25	0.45
-do- Acc	62.38	66.47	+1.26	0.45
Far East Opps	138.29	147.50	+2.58	0.66
-do- Acc	141.51	150.94	+2.65	0.66
Gold/Nat. Res	37.75	40.26†	+0.69	...
-do- Acc	38.83	41.41†	+0.71	...
Japan	64.13	68.32	+1.47	...
-do- Acc	64.13	68.32	+1.47	...
Little Dragons	65.09	69.42	+0.71	0.72
-do- Acc	66.76	71.21	+0.74	0.72
Oriental Income	40.35	43.04	+0.72	3.70
-do- Acc	50.93	54.32	+0.92	3.70
Tiger	207.04	220.84	+2.75	1.19
-do- Acc	216.56	230.99	+2.88	1.19
UK Small Cos	67.16	71.62†	+1.07	2.27
-do- Acc	78.21	83.64†	+1.24	2.27
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUSTS Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7. 081 534 5544				
United Charities	215.40	229.80	+1.80	4.58
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ. 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	11.14	11.85	+0.32	0.50
Pacific Basin	29.85	31.75	+0.43	0.60
Canadian Gth	37.60	40	+1.48	0.10
Global Bond	$0.951	$0.990	-0.003	7.22
Penny Share	20.48	21.78	...	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT. 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.17	52.17	...	6.29
Gilt Growth	65.19	67.86	+0.01	...
Gilt Income	52.33	54.45	...	8.00
Short Dtd Gilt	109.40	110.80	...	4.47
US Govmnt Bd	$0.710	$0.719	-0.001	...
Challenger	93.43	95.60	+0.84	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG. 0705 388046				
Stockmarket Fd	65.12	69.27	+0.48	2.21

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return): † Ex dividend: ‡ Middle price: ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	5,600	Coats Vly	2,200	Legal & Gn	1,200	Scot & New	1,700
Alld-Lyons	2,000	Cm Union	833	Lloyds Bk	3,900	Scot Power	1,100
Anglian W	654	Courtaulds	347	MB Cardn	191	Sears	4,800
Argyll Gp	2,100	De La Rue	452	Marks Spr	4,200	Svrn Trent	1,300
Arjo Wiggn	1,200	Eng China C	356	NFC	454	Shell Trans	4,500
AB Foods	366	Enterpr Oil	132	NatWst Bk	1,800	Siebe	1,300
BAA	1,000	Fisons	1,400	Nat Power	4,300	SmKl Bch	2,300
BAT Inds	2,800	Forte	4,700	Nth Wst W	1,100	Smith Nph	2,200
BOC	901	GRE	571	Nthrn Fds	3,100	Smith (WH)	384
BP	8,800	GUS A	477	P & O	1,400	Sthrn Elec	670
BT	6,000	Gen Acc	1,200	Pearson	1,400	Std Chartd	451
BTR	3,000	Gen Elec	5,100	PowerGen	3,000	Sun Allnce	1,900
Bk of Scot	1,100	Glaxo	23,000	Prudential	4,200	TI Gp	784
Barclays	3,000	Granada	2,300	RTZ	2,100	TSB	2,200
Bass	2,100	Grand Met	8,300	Rank Org	2,200	Tate & Lyle	470
Blue Circle	3,300	Guinness	3,200	Reckitt Col	1,400	Tesco	5,200
Boots	3,500	HSBC	3,600	Redland	981	Thames W	1,300
Bowater	1,300	Hanson	11,000	Reed Intl	865	Thrn EMI	548
Brit Airwys	4,800	ICI	2,800	Rentokil	315	Tomkins	3,900
Brit Gas	3,600	Inchcape	878	Reuters	930	Unilever	2,100
Brit Steel	3,900	Kingfisher	8,500	Rothmans	695	Utd Bisc	1,800
Burmah Cast	189	Kwik Save	281	Ryl Ins	400	Vodafone	1,700
Cable Wire	2,600	LASMO	2,700	Ryl Bk Scot	3,700	Wellcome	1,800
Cadbury	2,000	Ladbroke	3,700	Sainsbury	2,500	Whitbd 'A'	626
Carlton Cms	960	Land Secs	1,000	Scot Hydro	1,000	Wilms Hld	1,600

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3324.08 (+11.89)
S&P Composite .... 434.68 (+1.38)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 16982.14 (-27.49)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 6186.94 (+99.48)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 99.0 (+1.3)

Sydney: AO .... 1607.3 (+6.0)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1672.26 (+19.00)

FT 30 share: .... 2197.2 (+21.6)

Brussels:
General .... 5960.10 (+22.47)

Paris: CAC .... 505.71 (+8.68)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 476.1 (+5.0)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1385.59 (+11.09)
FT 500 .... 1522.96 (+11.52)
FT Gold Mines .... 93.5 (-2.7)
FT Fixed Interest .... 111.83 (+0.08)
FT Govt Secs .... 96.13 (+0.13)
Bargains 29427
SEAQ Volume 637.2m
USM (Datastrm) .... n/a

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
February 8	February 19	May 20	June 1

Call options were taken out on 18/2/93: Alphameric, Anglo Pacific Res, ASDA, Babcock Intl, Betterware, Channel Holdings, Costain, Dorling Kindersley, Ferranti Intl, MFI Furniture, PizzaExpress, Premier Cons Oil.
Puts: Ibstock Johnson, Spring Ram. Puts & Calls: ASDA, Unitech.

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyon	550	69	75	80	5	16	21
(*597½)	600	28	40	49	20	37	42
ASDA	57	10	13½	14	3	6	6½
(*63½)	67	4	8½	10	8	10½	13
Bass	550	48	64	75	10	19	29
(*585)	600	22	35	48	30	45	55
Boots	460	47	55	65	5	17	21
(*500)	500	20	30	43	20	34	40
Br Airways	260	34	40	44	4½	14	17
(*287)	280	21	28	33	10	22	26
BP	240	32	38	42	3½	8	12
(*262½)	260	16	26	30	8	16	20
	280	8	15½	21	20	27	30
Br Steel	70	10	14	16	4	7	9
(*76)	80	5	9	11½	9	12½	15
C & W	700	55	72	84	11	26	35
(*738½)	750	23	43	57	33	51	58
CU	580	22	38	45	25	33	43
(*592½)	629	5	19	26	60	65	73
Courtauld	550	34	48	58	14	32	37
(*564½)	600	13	26	37	46	62	66
GKN	460	25	37	46	17	26	31
(*476)	500	7½	20	28	45	52	55
Grnd Met	420	50	60	70	5½	15	20
(*451)	460	20	38	48	20	31	36
ICI	1100	54	84	95	44	64	88
(*1139)	1150	33	61	72	73	95	118
	1200	17	44	55	115	128	150
Kingfishr	500	65	72	78	6	18	24
(*557)	550	24	40	50	22	39	47
Ladbroke	180	24	30	36	7½	16	22
(*195½)	200	12	20	26	19	27	33
Land Sec	460	27	33	39	10	26	28
(*472½)	500	7	14	21	33	52	54
M & S	330	17	24	32	9	19	22
(*335½)	360	5½	12	19	28	38	40
Sainsbury	500	32	43	52	11	25	28
(*516)	550	9	20	29	40	53	56
Shell	550	37	49	55	9½	17	25
(*582½)	600	8½	23	29	39	44	50
Smkl Bch	420	41	55	63	8	17	23
(*446)	460	18	33	43	26	36	43
Storehse	180	18	25	30	7	16	18
(*191)	200	9	16	22	19	26	29
Trafalgar	70	10	14	18	3	6	6½
(*77½)	80	6	9½	11½	7	12	15
Unilever	1100	68	88	106	16	32	40
(*1152½)	1150	32	56	77	39	55	63
Utd Bisc	330	27	30	37	11	16	21
(*350)	360	8	16	23	29	32	38

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
BAA	750	35	58	68	2½	16	29
(*780½)	800	3	29	42	22	39	53
BAT Ind	950	24	47	62	6½	43	53
(*966½)	1000	4	25	44	40	75	83
BTR	500	55	58	64	½	6	10½
(*551½)	550	10	22	31	6	23	31
Br Aero	240	16	31	42	6	23	34
(*250)	260	5½	25	34	16	36	45
Br Telcm	390	16	27	34	2	9	17
(*402)	420	1	11½	18	18	24	34
Cadbury	460	12	23	33	5	23	29
(*464½)	500	2	8	17	37	52	55
Guinness	460	15	30	40	3	23	29
(*472)	500	1	14	24	33	48	53
GEC	280	11	21	25	2	7½	15
(*290)	300	1½	11	14½	13	18	26
Hanson	240	8½	15	18½	1½	9	14
(*246)	260	1½	6½	10	15	21	25
LASMO	160	14	25	31	1½	10½	16
(*172)	180	3	14	21	10	22	26
Lucas	140	8	17	22	4	13	17
(*146)	160	1	9	13½	17	25	30
P & O	550	15	37	47	5½	40	50
(*557)	600	1	17	28	44	74	82
Pilkingtn	110	7½	16	21	3	10	14
(*115)	120	2½	12	17	8	15	20
Prudential	300	15½	25	29	2	14	19
(*312)	330	2	9	16	19	32	35
RTZ	650	13	30	46	11	39	48
(*645½)	700	1	13	27	52	75	82
Scot New	420	10	29	39	4	16	27
(*427)	460	1	12	20	35	40	52
Tesco	240	8	18	24	4	14	18
(*243½)	260	1	9	15	17	27	31
Thames W	500	14	31	36	3	15	27
(*512)	550	1	9½	14	40	45	59
Vodafone	360	35	47	54	1½	9	17
(*391½)	390	8½	28	37	6½	21	30

FT-SE INDEX (*2838½)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
Feb	146	108	57	14	2	½
Mar	159	117	79	50	28	14
Apr	144	108	96	72	48	39
May	162	130	100	94	69	50
Jun	190	—	140	—	80	—
Puts						
Feb	½	½	1	11	51	143
Mar	12	19	31	53	85	118
Apr	24	34	50	92	106	164
May	42	48	72	95	139	174
Jun	48	—	80	—	135	—

February 18, 1993 Tot: 34174 Calls: 27536 Puts: 6638 FT-SE Calls: 10714 Puts: 3319
*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abby Nat	360	18	29	36	12	19	26
(*373½)	390	5½	15	23	32	38	43
Amstrad	20	5½	6½	7½	1	1½	2½
(*24)	25	2	4	5	3	4	4½
Barclays	420	27	38	47	16	27	38
(*435)	460	8	20	29	44	51	62
Blue Circ	200	25	32	37	5½	13	19
(*222)	220	14	21	28	13	25	31
Br Gas	280	18½	22	27	3½	10½	14
(*292)	300	7	11	17	12	22	24
	330	2	3½	7½	38	46	46
Dixons	200	30	38	42	4	9	15
(*222½)	220	16	25	30	10	16	24
Eurotnl	460	30	50	70	21	36	47
(*475)	500	15	33	51	45	60	69
Forte	180	20	25	29	4½	13	17
(*194½)	200	8½	15	19	13	25	29
Glaxo	650	50	78	97	14	32	44
(*685)	700	23	52	73	37	56	68
	750	8½	32	52	73	89	99
HSBC	550	55	67	83	8	26	37
(*592)	600	24	41	57	28	50	62
Hillsdwn	140	18	22	24	3½	10	14
(*154½)	160	6	11	15	12	22	26
Lonrho	90	7	13	16	6½	11	14
(*89½)	100	3	8	12	13	17	20
Reuter	1300	62	94	125	39	65	90
(*1322½)	1350	30	72	100	67	95	115
R-Royce	120	12	15½	19½	4½	10	13
(*126½)	130	6½	10½	15	9	15½	18½
Sears	90	13	15	17½	2	3	6
(*100½)	100	5½	9	12	3½	8	11
Thrn Emi	850	32	57	68	18	30	52
(*858½)	900	11	33	43	50	59	80
TSB	160	16	21	26	4½	9	13
(*168)	180	6½	12	17	15	20	24
Vaal Reefs	35	6	6½	8	1½	3	4½
(*39)	40	2½	5	6	3½	5	7
Wellcome	850	75	99	120	10	30	43
(*910)	900	40	70	95	26	50	65

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Fisons	220	33	43	51	9½	21	26
(*239)	240	22	33	42	19	29	37

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Eastrn Elc	430	23	-	-	2	-	-
(*447½)	460	3	20	29	15	24	39

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Natl Pwr	300	21	31	35	6	12	19
(*314)	330	6	16	20	21	26	34
Scot Pwr	220	16	22	27	2	6	14
(*232½)	240	4	11½	16	11	15	25

COMMODITIES

REPORT: Robusta coffee futures closed with small gains in fairly quiet conditions as the market continued to consolidate following its recent volatile spell. Prices edged higher in the afternoon, tracking a modest advance in New York where the market was aided by a smaller than expected number of first day notices on March. Cocoa futures finished near the day's lows, depressed partly by sterling's late advance.

LONDON FOX
COCOA

Mar	718-717	May	806 SLR
May	728-727	Jul	822-818
Jul	740-739	Sep	837 SLR
Sep	753-751	Dec	861-857
Dec	772-770		
Mar	792-790		Volume: 4832

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	948-945	Nov	931-930
May	945-944	Jan	947-940
Jul	917-916	Mar	963-950
Sep	925-924		Volume: 2469

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Oct	204.0-02.0
Spot: 205.5		Dec	196.0-92.0
Mar	207.0-06.0	Mar	197.0-93.0
May	215.0-13.0	May	198.0-97.0
Aug	215.0-13.0		Volume: 61

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	254.5-49.0
Spot: 271.0		Mar	254.5-49.0
May	267.5-67.0	May	258.0-51.0
Aug	269.4-68.6	Aug	262.5-53.5
Oct	255.5-54.0		Volume: 857

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 18

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	84.53	107.92	125.32
(+/-)	+0.34	+5.53	+1.62
Eng/Wales:	84.48	108.14	125.04
(+/-)	+0.31	+5.66	+1.38
(%)	+17.8	-44.0	-36.0
Scotland:	94.35	106.85	126.98
(+/-)	+5.60	-4.77	+3.14
(%)	+46.1	-62.3	-58.3

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Mar	108.5	108.5	Jun	106.0	106.0
Apr	107.5	108.0			Volume: 7

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT (close £/t)

Mar	142.20
May	144.00
Jun	144.75
Sep	110.25
Nov	112.35
	Volume: 159

BARLEY (close £/t)

Mar	139.15
May	140.25
Sep	107.90
Nov	111.00
Jan	113.85
	Volume: 58

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Apr	155.00
Jun	146.50
Aug	148.00
Oct	unq
Dec	unq
	Volume: 250

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	41.0	41.5
May	43.0	43.5
Apr	87.5	88.8
		Volume: 55

RUBBER
No 1 RSS CIF (p/kl)
Mar 68.50-68.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The market opted to tread water and see if the new Opec quotas would be adhered to.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.85	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Mar)	17.80	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Apr)	17.80	(n/c)
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	19.40	(n/c)
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	19.45	+0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	191 (-1)	193 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	167 (+1)	168 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Mar	167 (n/c)	169 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Apr	167 (-1)	168 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	68 (n/c)	69 (-1)
Naphtha	170 (-1)	171 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Mar	166.00-66.25	Jun	166.00-66.50
Apr	165.75-66.00	Jul	166.75-67.00
May	165.75-66.00	Aug	168.75-69.25
			Vol: 12610

BRENT (6.00pm)

Apr	17.74-17.76	Jul	17.97-18.00
May	17.83-17.84	Aug	18.06 SLR
Jun	17.90-17.92		Vol: 16143

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Mar	185.00-86.00	Jun	193.50-96.00
Apr	190.50-91.00	Jul	unq
May	193.00-94.00		Vol: 50

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Feb 93	1385	1380	1380
Mar 93	1390	1375	1375
Apr 93	1380	1365	1369
Jul 93	1200	1195	1193

Vol: 156 lots. Open int'st: 2777 Index 1362 +11

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1554.0-1554.5	1578.0-1578.5	506900
Lead (£/tonne)	288.50-288.75	298.50-299.00	69275
Zinc Spec HI Gde ($/tonne)	1059.5-1060.0	1078.5-1079.0	426075
Tin ($/tonne)	5797.0-5798.0	5855.0-5860.0	5895
Aluminium HI Gde ($/tonne)	1204.5-1205.0	1226.0-1226.5	511225
Nickel ($/tonne)	6180.0-6190.0	6245.0-6250.0	55662

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 93	2825.0	2854.0	2823.0	2839.0	10809
Previous open interest: 55792	Jun 93	2845.0	2863.0	2845.0	2853.0	134
Three Month Sterling	Mar 93	93.97	94.01	93.89	93.91	17863
Previous open interest: 298876	Jun 93	94.50	94.55	94.48	94.49	14495
	Sep 93	94.66	94.73	94.66	94.68	2513
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 93	96.74	96.79	96.74	96.78	1217
Previous open interest: 21237	Jun 93	96.63	96.66	96.60	96.64	1389
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 93	91.97	91.97	91.90	91.91	17279
Previous open interest: 463827	Jun 93	92.94	92.94	92.87	92.90	22579
US Treasury Bond	Mar 93	108-25	109-08	108-25	109-04	313
Previous open interest: 553	Jun 93				107-22	0
Long Gilt	Mar 93	103-02	103-11	102-27	102-27	30472
Previous open interest: 68936	Jun 93	104-25	104-31	104-22	104-18	1008
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 93	110.70	110.80	110.68	110.84	44
	Jun 93	109.96	110.15	109.96	110.13	1761
German Govmt Bond	Mar 93	93.89	94.02	93.85	93.94	50338
Previous open interest: 148480	Jun 93	94.14	94.26	94.11	94.19	2850
Three month ECU	Mar 93	90.61	90.63	90.61	90.62	1004
Previous open interest: 16577	Jun 93	91.62	91.63	91.61	91.62	340
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 93	94.60	94.62	94.51	94.59	4302
Previous open interest: 47125	Jun 93	95.18	95.19	95.09	95.18	2179
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 93	96.20	96.60	95.83	95.93	14672
Previous open interest: 39749	Jun 93	96.24	96.40	95.71	95.74	32

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 76.7 (day's range 76.1-76.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 18	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6167-2.6702	2.6653-2.6702	⅜-¼ds	1⅛-1¼ds
Brussels	47.90-49.06	48.96-49.06	11-15ds	32-38ds
Copenhagen	8.9870-9.0790	9.0580-9.0790	7-12¼ds	24⅝-31¼ds
Dublin	0.9530-0.9719	0.9698-0.9719	61-70ds	182-206ds
Frankfurt	2.3460-2.3661	2.3629-2.3661	⅜-½ds	1¼-1⅜ds
Lisbon	212.86-216.92	216.03-216.92	119-128ds	365-391ds
Madrid	166.61-171.88	171.03-171.88	94-111ds	301-326ds
Milan	2216.00-2261.00	2254.00-2261.00	8-10ds	27-30ds
Montreal	1.7947-1.8231	1.8210-1.8231	0.09-0.03pr	0.15-0.03pr
New York	1.4210-1.4480	1.4470-1.4480	0.35-0.33pr	1.06-1.04pr
Oslo	9.9750-10.0630	10.0400-10.0630	1⅛-3ds	5⅜-8ds
Paris	7.8700-8.0220	8.0090-8.0220	3¼-3⅞ds	10⅝-11⅜ds
Stockholm	10.7590-10.9530	10.9300-10.9530	1⅝-3⅞ds	6½-8⅞ds
Tokyo	170.29-172.87	172.67-172.87	½-⅜pr	1⅜-1⅛pr
Vienna	16.34-16.70	16.65-16.70	1¾-2¾ds	3¼-5ds
Zurich	2.1676-2.1880	2.1849-2.1880	⅛pr-par	⅜-¼pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4293-1.4305
Australia dollar	2.0838-2.0869
Bahrain dinar	0.5355-0.5475
Brazil cruzeiro *	26976.5-26995.6
Cyprus pound	0.6975-0.7075
Finland markka	8.3845-8.5005
Greece drachma	312.5-319.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.0437-11.0529
India rupee	42.60-43.56
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4365-0.4465
Malaysia ringgit	3.7540-3.7589
Mexico peso	4.37-4.47
New Zealand dollar	2.7647-2.7721
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.3245-5.4505
Singapore dollar	2.3434-2.3466
S Africa rand (fin)	6.61-6.69
S Africa rand (com)	4.4890-4.4951
U A E dirham	5.2155-5.3395

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4587-1.4598
Austria	11.60-11.62
Belgium (Com)	34.00-34.05
Canada	1.2612-1.2617
Denmark	6.325-6.335
France	5.589-5.594
Germany	1.645-1.646
Hong Kong	7.731-7.732
Ireland	1.479-1.481
Italy	1563.0-1566.0
Japan	119.77-119.82
Malaysia	2.6280-2.6295
Netherlands	1.856-1.858
Norway	7.01-7.02
Portugal	150.6-150.8
Singapore	1.6405-1.6415
Spain	117.2-117.7
Sweden	7.5875-7.5975
Switzerland	1.5235-1.5245

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 7½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low 4¾ Week fixed: 5½
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5[illegible]; 3 mth 5½. Sell: 2 mth 5[illegible]; 3 mth: 5½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	6¼-6⅛	[illegible]	6⅛-6	6-5⅞	[illegible]
Interbank:	6¼-6⅛	[illegible]	6⅛-6	6-5⅞	[illegible]

Overnight: open 5½, close 4.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6⅛	n/a	6⅛	5⅞	5¾
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	3.14-3.10	n/a	3.14-3.10	3.22-3.18	3.42-3.40
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6-5⅞	[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 29, 1993 Agreed rates Feb 24, 1993 to Mar 23, 1993 Scheme I: 8.32%. Schemes II & III: 8.20%. Reference rate Jan 1, 1993 to Jan 29, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 7.00%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8-7⅞	[illegible]
French Franc:	11½-11¼	11½-11¼	12-11¼	11-10¾	12½-10½
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	3¼-3	3¼-3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $329.70-330.00 Close: $329.70-330.10 High: $330.00-330.55 Low: $328.60-329.10 Krugerrand: $329.00-331.00 (£226.50-228.50)
Sovereigns: Old $78.50-81.50 (£52.50-54.50) New $78.50-81.50 (£52.50-54.50)
Platinum: $361.50 (£253.15) Silver: $3.66 (£2.515) Palladium: $112.00 (£78.45).

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Shares recover their poise

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began February 15. Dealings end February 26. §Contango day March 1. Settlement day March 8. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Close Bros	Banks,Disc	
2	Sinclair Gldsm	Property	
3	Bletchley Mtr	Motors,Air	
4	Eurotunnel Uts	Transport	
5	Raine Ind	Building,Rds	
6	Chubb Sec	Business Serv	
7	HSBC	Banks,Disc	
8	BT	Electrical	
9	Relyon	Industrial	
10	Dixons Grp	Drapery,Strs	
11	IMI	Industrial	
12	South West	Water	
13	CRH	Building,Rds	
14	Glynwed	Industrial	
15	Scot & New	Breweries	
16	GFSA	Mining	
17	Ocean Wilson	Transport	
18	Sthrn Water	Water	
19	Frogmore	Property	
20	Chesterfield	Property	
21	Willis Corroon	Insurance	
22	Mucklow (A&J)	Property	
23	Br Airways	Transport	
24	Prudential	Insurance	
25	Pegasus	Electrical	
26	Pendragon	Motors,Air	
27	Jarvis Porter	Paper,Print	
28	MB-Caradon	Industrial	
29	Hewitt (J)	Industrial	
30	Nat Aust Bk	Banks,Disc	
31	Pearson	Newspapr,Pub	
32	Euromoney Pb	Newspapr,Pub	
33	Yule Catto	Chems,Plas	
34	MIM	Mining	
35	BAT	Tobaccos	
36	T & N	Industrial	
37	Courts Furnish	Drapery,Strs	
38	Hambros	Banks,Disc	
39	Inchcape	Business Serv	
40	Br Aerospace	Motors,Air	
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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
399	245½	Abbey Ntl	376	+11	10.5	3.7	13.0
205	154	Allied Irish	194	+3	...	5.8	11.8
197½	106	Aus New Z	161	+3	...	5.5	...
3725	1906½	Bankamerica	3450 †	-56½	...	...	...
205	141	Bk of Ireland	196	+5	...	6.1	31.4
345	320	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	16.0	7.5	...
136	97	Bank Scotland	134	...	4.3	4.3	21.1
464	274	Barclays	437	+6	21.1	6.5	...
6	1½	Benchmark	3				
204	28	Brown Shipley	38	+3	...	...	...
21	10	Carlisle	17½				
440	295	Cater Allen	440	+2	26.0	7.9	...
104	61	Catties	104	+1	3.8	4.9	15.2
2325	912½	Chase Manh	2012½	-6½	...	...	...
1850	537½	Citicorp	1675 †	-25	...	...	...
304	205	Close Bros	304	+4	9.5	4.2	13.5
£117	8687½	Commerzbk	£116½	+150	...	3.4	...
£291	£214	Deutsche Bk	£291	-550	...	2.2	...
81	11½	First Nat Fin	78 †	+2	...	...	...
1104	493	Fuji Bank Y	1017	-15	...	0.3	57.8
421	230	Gerrard Nat	414	...	21.0	6.8	...
606	236	HSBC	592	+5	...	3.3	24.3
587	313	HSBC HK	572	+5	...	3.4	23.5
315	202	Hambros	300	+8	13.8	6.1	13.3
355	308	Joseph (L)	353	...	15.8	6.0	...
118	54	King Shaxson	118	...	5.0	5.6	...
379	212	Kleinwort Ben	378	+17	16.0	5.8	...
573	346	Lloyds	505 †	...	...	4.9	7.0
77	40	Lon Scot Bk	77	...	3.0	5.2	15.3
381	258	Nat Aust Bk	379	+6	...	5.3	13.2
485	251	Nat West	443	+8	17.5	5.3	61.2
785	418	Provident	774	...	25.0	4.3	17.7
45	25	Rea Bros	45	...	0.5	1.5	...
251	137	Ryl Bk Scot	240	...	8.8	4.9	...
1573	1043	Schroders	1573	+65	18.0	1.5	18.3
672	364	Stand Chart	643	+12	20.0	4.1	16.6
179	115	TSB	168½	-4½	6.4	5.1	...
200	38	Union Disc	108	...	13.5	...	...
630	403	Warburg SG	626	+6	18.0	3.8	18.3
216	137	-do- 6% 'A'	213	+2	...	3.8	...
6725	3087½	Wells Fargo	6606½	...	...	1.6	...
183	99	Westpac	156	+2	...	5.2	-
253	168	Wintrust	200	...	9.3	6.3	7.6

BREWERIES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
712	526	Allied-Lyons	598	+6	20.0	4.5	13.0
656	472	Bass	585	+9	18.9	4.3	12.7
215	146	Boddington	200	+1	6.6	4.4	12.7
400	243	Bulmer (HP)	376	...	9.0	3.2	17.3
159	111	Burtonwd Brw	155	...	4.4	3.8	11.3
291	194	Devenish (JA)	282	...	7.8	3.7	-
107	68	Eldridge P 'A'	87	...	...	5.0	23.0
84½	47	Fosters Brewing	66	+2	...	4.1	-
440	340	Fullr Sm 'A'	345	-3	...	2.6	14.5
518	360	Grand Met	451	+1	12.3	3.6	14.9
424½	283	Greenalls Grp	407	+1	11.7	3.9	13.5
530	405	Greene King	527	...	11.6	2.9	13.7
644	450	Guinness	471	+3	10.8	3.1	13.5
346	245	Hardy Hansn	275	...	7.9	3.8	15.3
145	113	Heavitree	113 †	...	3.0	3.6	-
105	78	-do- 'A' LV	78 †	...	...	5.2	10.9
305	191	Highland Distl	267	...	6.0	3.0	17.8
48	21	Hoskins Brew	40	...	...	...	28.8
335	250	Invergordn Dist	274	+3	6.5	3.2	15.4
220	151	Macallan-Glen	172	...	0.7	0.6	34.7
630	380	Marstn Thmpsn 'A'	435	...	8.8	2.7	13.7
720	515	Mansfield	681	...	13.6	2.7	14.6
269	166	Mrstn Thmp	236	+3	4.9	2.8	13.8
477	394	Matthew Clark	429	...	15.7	4.9	12.9
351	195	Mrrydwn W	280	-5	...	3.0	20.2
493	320	Morland	485	...	8.4	2.3	19.3
10½	5½	Paramount	8½	...	...	2.1	15.1
1020	665	SA Breweries	803	+8	...	3.1	-
492	380	Scot & New	427	+3	16.1	5.0	11.6
200	145	Taunton Cider	190	+2	...	3.3	17.7
241	148	Vaux Group	218	...	9.3	5.7	15.0
250	165	Wetherspoon JD	249	...	...	2.0	20.1
499	347	Whitbread 'A'	455	...	16.9	5.0	12.8
1436	1073	-do- 'B'	1073	...	16.9	2.1	30.2
660	510	Wolvrhmptn D	585	-2	11.4	2.6	16.4
545	453	Young 'A'	510	...	14.5	3.8	22.3

BUILDING, ROADS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
95	60	Abbey	93	...	...	1.5	33.5
27	9	Afbrighton	21				
128	54	Allen	103	+3	...	6.5	10.8
182	53	Amec	80	+3	10.2	...	8.2
27	2	Anglia Sec	9				
192	85	Ashtead	173	...	4.1	3.2	23.2
151	100	Attwoods	136	...	5.0	4.9	19.7
233	123	BPB Ind	229	+5	11.2	...	58.2
102	50	Baggeridge Brk	77	...	3.1	5.4	25.9
31	15	Bailey (Ben) Con	31	...	0.5	2.4	...
118	68	Barcom	93	...	1.2	1.8	16.0
130	34	Barratt Devs	125	-4	2.0	2.1	13.9
383	305	Bellway	383 †	+5½	11.5	4.0	22.2
32	14	Bellwinch	29				
350	186	Berkeley Gp	354	...	5.0	1.9	23.4
100	45	Bett Bros	45	...	...	...	1.8
89	27	Blockleys	38	+1	3.3	...	37.8
284½	121	Blue Circle	227	+12	11.2	6.6	22.7
255	140½	Boot (Henry)	255	+10	...	2.8	13.9
108	62	Breedon PLC	94	...	4.6	6.5	18.2
132	66	Br Dredging	95	+2	7.4	10.4	12.3
180	42	Brit Fittings	65	...	5.3	...	...
128	60	Bryant	126 †	+1	4.8	5.1	27.0
80	38	CALA	59	...	2.3	5.2	...
249	187	CRH	216	+4	...	4.1	12.1
48	14	Cakebread Rby	38				
82	18½	Costain	26½	+½	4.7	...	...
143	51	Countryside	124 †	+5	4.1	4.4	32.8
66	23	Crest Nicholson	52	-3	0.0	...	...
58	14	Cussins	46	+1	...	...	...
6	¼	Dunton	3				
45	12	Edmond Hldgs	24½	...	1.8	...	10.0
211	132	Epwin	180	-1	...	4.9	14.8
54	23	Erith	32	...	2.0	...	...
300	220	Eve Group	300 †	...	...	4.3	10.9
88	25	Evered Bardon	43	...	5.6	...	23.2
19	3	Explaura	4½				
135	68	Freeman Gp	102				
79	40	Galliford	46	...	4.3	12.5	18.5
98	75	Gibbs & Dandy	75				
925	578	Gleeson (MJ)	705	+5	12.7	2.4	10.5
114	67	Hewden-Stuart	94	...	3.1	4.5	19.6
63	28	Hewetson	36	...	2.6	...	35.3
28	15	Hey & Croft	16 #				
388	128	Heywd Wlm	203	+1	12.5	8.2	18.7
106	29	Higgs & Hill	59	...	9.0	...	9.0
39	23	How Gp	32	-1	2.5	...	11.1
30	10	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.7	...
96	36	Ibstock Johnsen	51	+2	6.0	...	...
43	14½	Jarvis	17	...	0.5	...	...
240	109	Laing (J)	199	-5	9.0	6.0	10.3
35	3½	Lilley	7½	...	2.0	...	2.4
122	74	Ln Clydeside	74	-1	4.5	8.1	27.9
26	4½	Lovell (YJ)	15½	...	...	...	7.0
295	180	Manders	291	...	7.0	3.2	20.4
148	57	Marley	109	+3	4.2	5.1	27.5
97	47	Marshalls	70	-1	...	9.5	23.4
155	101	Maunders (J)	130	...	4.9	5.1	11.9
219	76	Mcalpine (A)	141	...	10.3	...	9.8

BUSINESS SERVICES (and preceding column)

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
75	10	McCarthy & S	27	+1	0.5	6.1	...
431	181	Meyer Intl	333	+3	16.5	6.6	34.3
14	4	Miskin Gps	4				
171	52	Mowlem (J)	85	...	10.5	...	...
78	18	NSM	74				
165	90	Newman Tnks	123	+1	...	8.6	-
327	146	Persimmon	227	-1	8.6	5.1	18.7
36	19	Phoenix Timber	24				
1625	1150	Pochins	1475	...	39.0	2.7	8.9
155	80	Prowting	88	...	3.4	5.2	...
23	3½	Quiligotti	5½				
660	383	RMC Gp	605	+11	30.0	4.4	22.5
137	67	Raine Ind	112	+4	6.0	7.1	18.7
56	23	Ransom	24	-1			
565	300	Redland	455	+7	25.0	7.3	28.3
101	61	Roskel	72	...	4.3	8.0	9.6
240	152	Rugby Group	238	+2	6.4	3.6	18.0
48	35	Ryttd-Brea	33	...	...	...	5.9
98	50	Sharpe & Fisher	79				
139	70	Sheffield Insl	138	...	4.0	6.8	...
90	53	Sherriff Hldgs	89	...	5.4	5.2	35.7
86	53	Shorrock	81	...	...	3.0	13.3
272	188	Smart (J)	228	...	8.5	6.4	12.8
15	4½	Starmin	5½	...	...	5.0	10.4
161	51	Tarmac	115	+4	5.5	6.4	47.0
226	129	Tay Homes	185	+1	5.8	4.2	10.2
143	34	Taylor Woodrw	60	+2	9.5	...	11.3
688	398	Tilbury Dougls	528	+3	33.0	8.3	17.4
48	18	Torex Hire	21	...	...	2.3	...
228	105	Travis Perkins	170	...	8.0	6.0	28.3
58	20	Try Group	30	...	6.0	...	4.1
38	26	Tudor	26				
106	65	Vibroplant	83	...	3.6	7.6	11.6
55	12	Ward Hldgs	28				
43	23	Waterhouse	33				
475	265	Watts Blake	400	-4	9.3	2.7	23.9
19	9	Wescola	9				
129	45	Westbury	117	+1	...	5.5	...
18	4½	West Scaffold	7				
22	5	Wiggins	5				
481	215	Wilson Bowdn	385	...	8.7	3.0	19.8
221	96	Wilson (C)	164	...	3.9	3.2	26.0
180	65	Wimpey G	139	+9	...	5.0	31.4
81	25	YRM	28 †	+2	4.0	...	3.2

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
343	343	ADT	520	+2			
248	193	Adam & Harvey	228	...	11.0	6.4	3.6
127	93	Air London	86	-2	...	5.4	10.6
63	34	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.7	9.3
152	81	Auto Sec	136	+1	4.9	4.8	11.1
208	80	BET Ord	97	-4	...	8.9	14.2
100	41	BNB Res	60	...	4.9	9.5	8.1
318	208	BPP	305	...	6.9	3.0	17.2
285	178	Burbour Index	270	+1	7.2	3.6	20.0
30½	13	Boustead	18	+1	0.7	5.2	30.8
223	111	Brit Data Mgt	223	+2	...	2.4	18.6
14	9	Broadcastle	13	+2			
101	58	Brooks Service	60	...	4.0	...	19.1
142	72	CRT Gp	92	...	2.4	3.5	10.5
479	282	Capita Group	460	+9	5.4	1.5	27.0
36	19	Caitri Plc	33½	...	0.5	2.0	12.7
270	25½	Chiltern Capital	52½				
39	22	Christie	28				
282	180	Chubb Sec	277	+4	...	1.3	30.6
43	18	Comtaca	33	+1			
31	5½	Corp Services	11½				
123	48	Dart	74				
216	145	Davis Service	202	...	3.3	5.9	8.4
115	95	EW Facia	98	...	7.8	3.3	15.3
57	8	Gardiner	13½	...	...	5.9	7.3
48	21	Gardner (DC)	29	...	1.3	12.8	4.2
246	163	Hays	242				
251	167½	Hogg Robinson	201	-1	4.6	2.5	23.8
143½	43	Holmes Protectn	65	-2	6.3	4.2	15.1
156	95	Hunch Whamp	156	...	...	...	16.8
£114½	6437½	ISS B DKr	£113	+100	...	0.9	16.0
592	375	Inchcape	591	+7	12.5	2.8	25.1
785	561	Johnson Clean	785	+1	25.7	4.4	16.3
18½	2½	Lep	9½				
244	168	Mitie Gp	222 †	...	2.7	1.7	18.3
1187	682	Manpower	1125				
44½	32½	Michael Page	44	...	1.8	5.5	12.2
250	88	Penna	250	...	...	1.1	63.3
5½	2	Prime People	2½				
398	68	Provident Alex	102	-4	19.5	25.4	2.3
433	355	RCO	420	...	12.8	4.5	14.1
183	117	REA	118	...	4.0	4.5	...
81	48	Reed Executive	55	-3			
165	117	Reliance Secs	143	...	...	4.2	14.4
13	4	Renaissance	4 #				
227	134	Rentokil	225	+5	1.6	1.0	33.1
245	180	Rolfe & Nolan	245	...	6.2	3.4	16.4
389	234	Salvesen (C)	386	+3	7.0	2.4	21.4
43	25	Scott Pickford	31	...	...	3.4	8.5
206	98	Securiguard	185 †	+3	9.4	6.8	-
12	1½	Select Appt	9½				
798	555	Serco Gp	758	...	11.9	2.1	24.3
289	132	Sherwd Cmpt	288	+25	...	2.8	7.8
157	82½	Sketchley	116	+2	3.0	3.4	14.1
360	270	Warner Howrd	348	+3	5.9	2.3	19.7
81	41½	Wetpac	42	...	0.6	1.9	...
22½	7½	Wills Gp	20½ #	...	...	0.7	26.2

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
246	162	Allied Colloids	246	+1	3.9	2.1	19.5
728	413	Amersham	716	+21	12.5	2.3	26.5
31½	5½	Anglo Utd	6½	...	0.8	...	...
9800	7362½	BASF DM	9800	+100	...	8.0	...
260	201	BTP	257	-1	8.8	4.6	18.8
£119	9050	Bayer DMSU	£119	+96½	...	4.7	...
248	126	Blagden	138	...	9.5	9.2	9.9
158	115	Brent Chems	146	...	7.3	6.7	60.0
530	418	Br Bio-Tech	505				
95	13	Calid Gp	23½	...	2.5	14.7	5.9
179	112	Canning (W)	151	-1	7.2	6.4	12.1
616	371	Courtaulds	565	+8	13.0	3.1	15.3
270½	142	Croda	256	...	7.5	3.9	19.4
211	152	Ellis & Everard	190	+2	7.0	4.9	17.3
16½	7	Euro Colour	16	+½	0.6	5.4	...
139	43	Evode	138½	+1	3.5	3.4	-
281	171	Halstead (J)	281	...	...	2.8	15.0
222	158	Hickson	222	+2	7.8	4.7	14.1
£114	7537½	Hoechst	£114½	+100	...	6.9	...
1410	975	ICI	1138	+4	55.0	6.4	27.5
685	434	Laporte	685	+3	18.9	3.7	18.4
352	138	Leigh	209	...	7.8	5.0	17.1
200	11	MTM	15	...	1.8	...	3.0
1687½	1100	Norsk Hydro	1637½	+37½	...	2.0	...
410	360	Paterson Zoch	410	+1	11.4	3.7	17.7
395	355	-do- 'A'	373	...	11.4	4.1	16.1
301	231	Plysu	265	-1	6.0	3.0	17.9
206	130	Porvair	205	...	...	2.1	21.3
13	4½	Suicliffe Speak	12				
475	328	Wardle Storeys	441	-4	16.0	4.8	17.7
445	270	Wolstnhme R	443	...	16.3	4.9	19.5
400	253	Yorks Chem	396	+8	...	2.4	20.7
395	214	Yule Catto	395	+4	5.4	2.4	17.0

DRAPERY, STORES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
382	63	Alexon	87	-1	...	4.6	4.7
109	23	Amber Day	46	...	3.1	9.0	12.6
306	190	Argos Plc	272	+4	6.4	3.1	18.9
99	57	Ashley (Laura)	76	...	0.1	0.2	79.5
305	180	Asprey	293	...	...	2.2	23.8
340	180	Austin Reed	195	...	6.0	...	...
159	112	Beattie (J) 'A'	142	-1	5.7	3.4	13.6
144	74	Bentalls	111	...	3.8	4.6	62.6
266	86	Betterware	243	+5	...	0.7	33.5
114	22	Blacks Lels	26				
371	133	Body Shop	144	...	3.3	...	5.4
14½	3	Brown & Jacksn	13½	...	1.6	1.5	16.6
361	260	Brown (N)	357				
80½	29	Burton	75	+4½	6.0	2.2	22.1
320	136	Cantors	143	...	3.6	...	...
358	245	Church	305	...	...	2.5	19.0
133	58	Clinton Cards	133	...	12.5	5.5	25.1
231	151	Coats Viyella	225	...	3.7	3.8	...
163	77	Colourvision	100	+2	7.0	4.1	25.8
413	300	Courts Furnish	413	...	...	...	16.9
252	100	Crown Eyes	130	+5	5.0	1.6	20.7
111	65	Dairy Farm Intl	103	...	...	6.2	6.0
57	27½	Dewhirst (IJ)	56	+2	...	...	16.7
286	179	Dixons Grp	223	...	0.7	1.7	18.6
495	355	Dunhill	377	+5	6.0	3.6	26.2
33	13	ERA Gp	19	...	7.7	2.7	13.1
780	480	Elys (Wimbldn)	485	...	...	...	8.8
111	36½	Essex Furn	111	...	16.0	4.4	10.8
258	199	Etam	213	+1	...	3.3	22.2
530	340	Fine Art Dev	530	+1	6.6	4.1	19.0
80	26	Fired Earth Tiles	42	+5	11.0	2.8	20.3
500	438	Forminster	498	...	4.0	...	30.7
38	5	French Conn	37	...	12.5	3.4	10.4
75	21	Gabbicci	28				
69	39	Gent SR	50	...	...	9.5	5.6
41	18	Goldsmiths Gp	39	...	2.0	5.3	14.7
2550	1800	GUS	2550 †	...	1.8	...	...
1728	1319	-do- 'A'	1608 †	+23	40.0	2.1	20.3
75	30	Hampden Grp	36	...	40.0	3.3	12.8
283	123	Hamstone	251	+7	...	7.4	5.1
25	16½	Helene Plc	24	...	4.8	2.6	15.3
40	18	Heritage	34	...	2.0	11.2	10.5
56	25	Honeysuckle	46				
168	130	Hse of Lerose	141	-2	...	2.9	7.6
195	40	Jacques Vert	65	...	10.3	9.7	21.4
598	414	Kingfisher	557	+30	13.7	3.4	16.7
73	54½	Leslie Wise Gp	69	+2	4.0	8.0	-
685	405	Liberty	675	-5	7.2	1.4	46.0
373	162	Lloyds Chem	284	+1	5.5	2.6	11.1
152	90½	MFI	125	...	...	4.0	16.7
348	268	Marks Spencer	336	...	7.1	2.8	20.4
490	319	Menzies (John)	488 †	...	10.0	2.7	16.2
140	110	Moss Bros	135	...	3.0	4.9	26.0
155½	57	Next	146½	-1½	0.7	0.7	28.9
85	8	Oliver (G)	10	...	1.0	...	...
250	110	Oriflame Intl	250	...	...	4.8	16.3
143	49	Pentos	51	...	2.7	7.2	6.0
278	202	QS Hldgs	268	...	4.7	2.4	20.8
29	7	Ratners Group	15½	...	2.4	20.6	...
35	18	Rhino Grp	30½				
180	110	Sherwood Gp	154	...	...	2.0	14.8
113	54	Sears	103½	...	...	4.6	27.6
523	357	Smith WH 'A'	425 †	...	13.4	4.2	15.0
29	8½	Specialeyes	8½	-1½			
219	87	Storehouse	191	+2	5.0	3.5	...
256	153	T & S Stores	177	...	5.5	4.1	11.5
98	27	Tie Rack	98	+3	0.5	0.7	...
190	132	Time Products	188	...	7.5	5.3	18.4
86	47	Usher (Frank)	80	...	...	8.3	7.8
38	23	Vivat	30				
68	28	Wensum	37				
104	53	Wickes	95	+1	...	...	6.6
40	28	Wld of Leather	58				
205	102½	Wyevale	163	...	...	3.0	18.1
7	2½	Xtra-vision	2½	...	...	...	2.7

ELECTRICALS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
103	45	AB Elect	66				
197	128	ACT Group	169	-1	4.5	3.6	16.6
233	195	Acal	233	...	...	3.3	19.5
162½	6	Acorn Compu	112	-3			
470	209	Admiral	467	-3	4.8	1.4	21.1
133	94	Alba	119	...	4.7	5.4	15.5
75	7	Alphameric	32	+3			
44	19	Amstrad	24	+1	0.4	2.2	...
141	83	App Holo	124				
22	12	Arlen	14				
48	12	Aster	45				
292	218	Beales Hunter	286	...	9.2	4.6	14.0
20	1½	Bednell & Fount	9½				
374	207	BICC	340	-1	19.2	7.5	19.8
575	314	Bitck	530	...	9.2	2.3	20.4
4575	1150	Borland	1450	+100			
293	208	Bowthorpe	292	+3	6.0	2.8	20.0
430½	305	BT	402	+4	14.4	4.8	15.0
325½	212	BT New	297	+4	14.4	4.8	15.0
9	5	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	8½	...	0.1	1.6	...
26	80	Burnfield	124	-1	...	6.2	17.8
742	489	Cable Wireless	730	-1	13.2	2.4	22.8
16½	4½	Chloride	12½				
303	205	CML Micro	245	...	...	2.4	16.5
116	62	Comptr People	86	...	5.4	...	11.1
16	1	Cranbrook	1½				
151	60½	Cray Elect	141	-1	...	0.5	11.5
506	331	Delta	443	...	14.0	4.2	17.5
298	148	Denmans Ele	297	-1	...	2.7	-
607	375	Domino	583 †	-3	7.2	1.6	-
66	43	Dowding Mills	57	...	2.5	5.8	18.7
1015	750	Druck	965	...	...	1.3	23.5
382	233	Electrocomponts	380	+1	7.0	2.3	20.6
345	286	El Data Prc	330	+8	5.1	1.3	14.4
75	28	Electron House	67 †	...	2.3	4.7	20.4
25½	7	Emess	17½	...	1.0	...	...
550	292	Eurotherm	528	-2	8.0	2.0	-
126	51	FKI	125	+3	2.3	2.4	24.4
367	227	Farnell Elect	357	...	5.8	2.2	19.5
40	18	Feedback	35				
15½	3½	Ferranti	14½				
125	30	First Tech	125	+2			
151	71	Forward Gp	141	-10	...	2.4	17.0
28½	10	Forward Tech	17½				
302	183	GEC	290	+1½	9.6	4.4	15.3
227	102	Graseby	169	+3	10.9	8.0	14.7
57	38	Hitclare	39	...	...	1.7	12.7
456	395	Hoskyns Gp	454	...	2.4	0.7	-
135	65	INSTEM	90	...	...	6.2	5.7
345	190	Jones Stroud	345 †	...	8.0	3.1	15.0

ELECTRICITY

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
444	273	East Midlands	425	-6	17.1	5.4	8.3
450	266	Eastern Elec	448	-2	16.7	5.0	11.1
261	143	Hydro-Elect	250 †	...	10.1	4.2	11.4
465	288	London Elec	449	-2	16.8	5.0	8.6
513	324	Manweb	497	-4	18.2	4.9	7.2
483	287	Midlands Elec	472	-2	17.2	4.9	9.9
496	295	Northern Elec	490	-4	18.5	5.0	7.3
505	298	Norweb	484	-5	17.7	4.9	9.1
247	142	Scottish Power	232½	-½	10.1	4.5	11.2
485	297	Seeboard	483	-1	17.2	4.8	8.7
539	313	Sth Wales	519	-1	19.4	5.0	8.2
478	283	Sth Western	470	-3	17.4	4.9	8.5
458	270	Southern Elec	454	-2	16.6	4.9	9.0
511	331	Yorkshire Elec	496	-1	17.7	4.8	9.2
315	188	National Powr	314	+2	9.1	3.9	10.4
317	196	PowerGen	315	+½	9.2	3.9	9.8

FINANCE, LAND

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
58	28	Aitken Hume	53	...	0.5	...	33.9
69	37½	BWD	68	...	...	5.9	9.5
126	23	Baltic Plc	50	...	4.3	...	...
453	289	Caledonia	437	...	14.4	6.4	16.8
1950	1050	Camellia	1450	...	27.0	2.5	12.7
280	203	Candover	248	...	9.5	5.1	20.5
91	48	Flexsech	85				
201	103	Govett	198	...	...	7.0	5.8
135	97	Ivory Sime	131	...	...	6.4	13.9
9½	3½	LIT	6½	+½			
165	7½	Lighsbip	12 #				
168	110	Lon Forfaiting	168	...	...	6.1	14.6
84	14	Manakin	76				
10½	1½	Nat Home Loan	9½	...	...	...	0.6
47	24	Newmarket	46				
260	179	Rathbone Brs	252	...	...	2.6	17.8
10½	9½	Rutland Tst	18	...	0.8	5.9	10.2
330	120	S & U	291	-1	...	3.7	10.5
62	34	Singer & Fried	62	+1	2.5	5.4	13.6
938	575	Sothebys	925	...	...	4.5	...
96	73	SIP Capital	95	...	3.0	4.2	17.2

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1775	1003½	Amer Express	1675 †	+50	...	...	...
233	149	Electra	214	+2	6.7	4.2	28.2
973	535	Henderson Ad	933	...	41.0	5.9	20.5
100	50	Invesco MIM	95	...	...	4.2	13.9
220	121	Jardine Strat	199	...	...	3.7	8.9
186	100½	MAI	175	+3	6.0	4.6	12.7
469	244	MAM	424	+13	11.5	3.6	16.9
755	460	M & G	740	+1	20.0	3.6	19.7
147	81	Smith New Ct	147	+3	4.5	4.1	5.8
98	57	Sterling Tst	97 #	...	...	...	8.5
78	35	Trio Hldgs	71½	+½	...	5.6	...

FOODS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	362	AB Food	474	+10	14.0	3.9	10.9
69½	21½	ASDA Group	63½	+1½	...	3.4	20.4
208	75	Acatos & Hutch	208 †	...	6.5	4.2	12.0
83	31	Albert Fisher	68	+2	3.7	7.4	11.3
432	273	Argyll	373	+5	9.7	3.5	14.7
31	11	Ashley Group	20	-1	0.7	5.0	...
147	103	Assoc Fisheries	134	...	7.0	7.0	24.7
190	143	Banks (S C)	188	...	8.2	3.9	9.3
346	200	Barr (AG)	345	...	6.5	2.5	-
117	74	Bensons Crsp	88	+2	...	4.3	9.4
137½	50	Berisford Intl	125				
480	312	Booker	415	-1	21.7	7.0	12.7
44	28	Borthwick	36½	...	1.1	4.0	25.5
474	334	Brake Bros	434	...	5.7	1.8	18.2
51	31	Budgen	39	...	...	...	13.3
499	412	Cadbury-Schw	465	+1	12.5	3.6	17.1
107	64	Carrs Milling	83	...	3.9	6.3	16.6
255	105	Clifford Fd 'A'	255	...	11.5	6.0	12.1
186	140	Cranswick	186	...	...	5.4	13.7
38	8	Cullens	18½	+½	0.5	3.6	9.9
435	250	Dalepak	291 †	+10	6.0	2.7	13.1
491	352	Dalgety	469	+3	19.5	5.6	13.4
54	27	Daniels S	34	...	0.2	1.0	37.2
132½	92½	Everest	122	...	...	3.8	12.6
295	234	Farepak	288	...	...	2.3	20.4
16	3	Farringford	9				
92	53	Finlay (James)	85	...	4.1	6.5	15.9
95	68	Fyffes	86 †	...	...	1.8	11.8
440	249	Geest	421	+3	7.9	2.5	16.0
12	5	Global	9	+½	...	7.4	8.3
49	24	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.6	...
180	81	Hazlewood Fds	163	...	6.1	5.0	9.9
200	68	Hillsdown	155	+5½	8.6	7.6	9.3
61	27	Hunter Saphr	45	...	2.5	...	...
680	412	Iceland Frozen	669	+5	8.5	1.7	17.9
142	103	JLI Group	126	...	4.5	4.8	18.1
827	514	Kwik Save	800	-2	16.0	2.7	16.7
286½	169	Low (Wm)	247	+1	8.4	4.5	12.0
74	29	Matthews (B)	50	...	4.5	...	10.6
33	9	Merchant Retail	15½	...	1.1	10.0	37.0
177	83½	Morrison (W)	163	...	...	0.5	25.5
518	318	Nichols (JN)	518	...	12.3	3.2	14.8
317½	215	Nthn Foods	257	-4	...	4.1	14.2
48	11	Nrthmbrn Fns	21	...	...	...	8.8
193	132	Nurdin Peack	179	+2	5.5	4.1	12.1
226	78½	Park Foods	219	...	3.2	1.9	26.2
155	45	Perkins Food	91	+1	4.3	6.3	7.9
96½	21	PizzaExpress	81 †	...	...	0.4	40.6
301	130	RHM	275	...	...	6.7	14.0
3½	1½	Regina Hlth	1½				
584	337	Sainsbury J	516	-5	8.7	2.3	19.2
61	33	Senty Farms	35	+2	...	3.8	8.2
340	175	Sims Food	220	...	11.2	6.8	11.9
443	285	Tate & Lyle	402	+4	12.0	4.0	14.8
296	194½	Tesco	242	-3	6.3	3.5	11.5
211	152	Thorntons	209	...	3.6	2.3	19.5
163	83	Treats	146	...	...	3.3	16.4
368	192	Unigate	349	-7	15.3	5.8	12.4
440	222	Utd Biscuits	350	-1	15.3	5.8	12.2
25	12	Usborne	22	...	0.4	2.4	13.5
357	205	Watson & Phil	317	+2	13.3	5.6	16.5

HOTELS, CATERERS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
23	16	Abrdn Stk Ho	16				
89	52	City Centre Rest	82	+1	1.4	2.4	23.0
262	112	Forte	194½	+1½	9.9	6.8	...
240	94	Friendly Hotels	171	...	5.5	4.3	13.7
12	5	Harmony Leis	8				
114	92½	Jurys Hotel	98	...	...	6.2	11.5
267	126	Ladbroke	196	-2	11.1	7.6	16.2
71	37½	Mandarin Ornt	70	+1	...	4.9	18.4
92	26	Queens Moat	51½	+1	2.8	7.5	6.9
118	51½	-do- 7¾% cvpr	95	+1	7.5	10.5	...
2½	¼	Regal Hotels	1½				
80	16	Resort Hotels	53	-1	3.4	8.7	10.4
750	420	Savoy Hotel 'A'	718	...	7.0	1.3	...
48	23	Stakis	44	...	...	1.4	-

INDUSTRIALS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
224	135	AAF Inds	224	...	...	4.5	11.8
616	460	AAH	518	...	16.3	4.2	16.4
203	122	AIM	150	-3	6.5	5.8	9.3
136	76	APV	124	...	5.4	5.8	22.4
165	50	ASW	124	...	9.0	...	23.5
147	86	Adwest	145	+4	7.0	6.4	20.6
33	5	Aerospace Eng	12	...	1.0	...	7.2
468	253	Airsprung	461	...	7.5	2.2	12.8
123	38	Alexdra W	121	...	3.6	4.0	65.4
22	0	Allied Radio	9				
465	356	Alumasc	465	...	11.0	3.2	14.1
62	9	Alvis	27	...	1.0	4.9	5.6
420	308	Amber Ind	420	...	17.0	5.4	11.3
33	13	Amberley Gp	20	...	0.7	...	...
160	125	Andrews Sykes	145	...	4.4	4.0	...
853	503	Anofagasta	853	+3	...	2.2	30.9
50½	29½	Armour	44 †	-½	1.4	4.5	12.9
168	123	Ash & Lacy	160	...	6.4	5.3	13.2
3½	1½	Ass Br Eng	3	...	0.0	2.3	...
556	300	Avon Rubber	545	+7	16.5	4.0	-
195	103	Assoc Nurse	190	...	...	...	7.3
860	445	Atlas Equip	680	...	...	4.1	14.0
68	35	Ayrshire Metal	46				
173	107	BBA	163	+1	7.5	6.1	21.0
53	24	BLP Group	28				
417	49	BM Gp	58	...	5.0	11.3	2.5
774	583	BOC	749	+8	25.2	4.1	16.4
76	51½	BSG	72½	+1	3.2	5.9	19.6
422	296	BSS Group	409	...	...	5.6	10.3
574	381	BTR	552	+3	16.5	4.0	19.4
218	115	BWI	218	+1	6.7	4.1	24.0
70	26½	Babcock	34½	+½	3.1	...	7.2
7½	3½	Bailey (CH)	7½				
270	193	Baird (Wm)	259	+3	8.9	4.6	16.6
1037½	550	Barlow Rand	681½	-6½	...	5.6	3.5
45	7	Barrett (H)	7 #	...	2.0	...	16.2
62	37	Baynes (Charles)	62	...	1.3	2.9	19.8
35	10	Beauford	12	...	1.8	...	...
18	5	Beckenham	8	...	...	8.3	...
31	10	Bedford (Wm)	27				
36	13	Benson Group	24½	...	0.1	0.5	22.5
685	444	Bespak	685	...	9.0	1.8	21.4
181	109	Bibby (J)	130	...	9.7	10.6	7.2

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
83	43	Hadleigh Inds	78	-4	...	...	...
169	97	Hall Eng	140	...	8.6	8.2	12.5
254	148	Halma	251	...	2.2	1.2	31.1
35	29	Hampson Ind	37	...	2.3	...	10.0
265½	184½	Hanson	246	+1½	...	6.3	12.4
241	138	Harris (Philip)	238	...	6.2	3.5	16.6
173	104	Harrisn Crsfld	169	...	9.0	7.1	29.2
99	32	Havelock Euro	42	...	1.5	...	...
4½	1	Hawthorn Les	2½				
51	17	Hay (Norman)	45	-1	1.1	...	...
28	15	Headway	21	...	0.7	4.4	11.1
437	211	Hepworth	346	...	14.8	5.7	13.7
175	116	Hewitt (J)	175	+5	2.5	1.9	13.5
283	28	High-Point	28	...	1.3	6.3	...
147	89	Hill & Smith	120 †	...	6.0	6.7	-
10	3	Hobson	9				
100	69	Holders Tech	94	...	...	8.7	12.6
80	24	Hopkinsons	39	+1	3.7	...	11.3
232	146	Hornby	146	...	...	8.2	11.4
33	6½	Hospital Crp	12½	...	...	8.5	3.4
72½	32	Howden	63	...	2.0	4.3	9.3
233	149	Hunting	233	...	10.0	5.7	18.1
950	285	Huntigh Tech	880	...	...	0.7	32.5
306	210	IMI	289	+6	10.0	5.0	18.0
96	49	ISA Intl	96	...	1.3	1.9	18.5
208	127	Intercare Gp	192	+5	...	1.8	20.3
266	175	Isotron	250	...	3.9	2.1	17.0
498	259	Jardine Math	450	+30	...	2.5	13.0
537	317	Johnson Math	472	+9	9.6	2.7	19.6
73	44½	Johnson & Fil	53	...	3.0	7.3	17.0
207	117	Johnston	117	-2	9.0	...	55.1
62	14	Jones Shipman	24				
35	19	Jourdan (T)	19	...	1.5	10.5	...
49	26	Kalamazoo	30½	+½	...	...	25.1
140	73	Kalon	140	+1½	3.2	3.0	22.6
458	253	Kelsey Ind	288	...	13.0	6.0	...
550	450	Kershaw (A)	543	-2	27.0	6.9	25.2
108	44	Kleen-EZe	94	-1			
78	30	LOW	78	+3	...	...	1.9 27.1
343	229	Laird	295	+1	...	4.6	14.3
136	65	Lee (Arthur)	126	...	5.9	6.2	53.5
130	86	Lilleshall	130	...	4.0	4.1	13.8
126	71	Lincat	126	...	...	5.4	17.9
15	3	Lincoln Hse	14½				
128	61	Linread	100	...	3.5	...	14.1
193	120	Linton Park	185	...	13.0	9.4	32.4
36	10½	Lionheart	13½	...	0.3	3.0	14.0
19½	10	Locker (T) A	19	...	1.0	7.0	39.8
316	157½	Lon Intl	226	...	9.4	5.6	15.4
180	57	Lonrho	80 †	-½	...	5.0	...
314	218	Low & Bonar	300	...	9.1	4.0	16.5
323	200	MB-Caradon	312	+4	8.5	3.6	24.5
159	108½	-do- pf	155	...	7.2	6.2	...
49	12	ML Hdgs	19 †	...	1.8	...	...
39	19	MS Ind	34	...	2.5	9.8	47.5
50	31	MY Holdings	48	...	...	2.8	14.6
265	171	Macfarlane	265	...	4.2	2.1	25.1
401	220	McKechnie	400	...	14.7	4.9	20.9
119	72	McLeod Russel	100	-2	6.0	8.0	12.2
12½	6½	Maddox	9				
93	55	Magnolia	66	...	5.4	...	47.6
98	66	Mang Bronze	74	-1	1.0	1.8	...
74½	15	Marling	25½	+½	0.3	...	...
174	87	Mayborn	164	...	...	3.4	14.0
41½	29	Mayflower	40½	...	...	1.3	20.0
301	150	Medeva	212	+3	1.5	0.9	21.0
108	66	Meggitt	97	+1	3.6	4.9	14.5
129	90	Metalrax	113	...	...	4.1	15.2
137	68	Metsec	76	...	...	6.7	...
58	27	Midstates	48	...	...	8.3	7.8
22½	14	Mining & Ald	17½	...	0.5	3.8	...
422	295	Molins	422	+3	12.7	4.0	11.3
345	229	Morgan Cble	330	-4	12.6	5.3	15.7
230	70	Morris Ashby	135 †	...	...	4.0	11.7
31	14	Neepsend	25 †	...	1.5	...	...
75	43	Nestor-BNA	47	...	3.1	8.9	7.7
131	68	Nobo Gp	129	...	3.5	3.6	15.8
164	62	Norcros	144	+1	7.0	6.5	24.7
81	26	Novo Group	39	...	...	1.0	...
485	310	Nu-Swift	318	...	...	8.4	8.8
53	31	Office Elec Mac	47	...	0.1	0.3	...
49	10	Omi Intl	32	...	1.7	7.3	...
155	135	PCT	137	...	...	6.8	12.4
51	47	Paper Systems	47	...	7.8	...	...
147	94	Pentland	122	...	2.2	2.5	17.5
380	260	Photo-Me	375	+1	4.4	1.6	19.2
160	67	Pilkington	115	...	6.0	7.0	41.8
34	19	Platon	25				
79	39	Plantabrook	72	...	...	5.6	10.5
147	93	Polypipe	141	+1	1.9	1.9	21.1
504	335	Portals	488	...	13.8	3.8	15.0
65	18	Porter Chadbn	30	+2	2.5	11.4	7.2
14	1½	Porth Gp	7½				
363	204	Powerscreen	353	...	6.0	2.3	20.1
49	14½	Prospect Inds	19½	...	0.7	5.1	9.9
100	16½	RFS Group	42	...	...	...	14.0
110	70	Radiant Metal	90	+5			
772	31	Ramco Oil	109	+11	...	2.4	77.8
39	444	Rank Org	693	+3	31.0	6.1	18.4
709	6	Ransomes	26				
100	523	Reckitt Colm	622	+8	15.1	3.2	14.7
	40	Record	68	...	3.6	7.1	13.1

INSURANCE

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1025	Alex & Alex	1843½	+43½	...	3.7	...
4175	2250	Am Gen	3887½	+37½	...	3.9	...
66	27	Archer (AJ)	41	+1	4.4	14.3	19.9
168	83	Bradstock	143	...	...	5.1	4.9 17.2
1160	762	Britannic	1133	...	29.5	3.5	...
620	389	Com Union	593 †	...	...	5.6	...
1400	900	Dom & Gen	1400	...	...	1.7	23.1
31	18	FAI	21				
612	356	Gen Accident	582	+7	26.7	6.1	...
188	108	GRE	176	+2	7.0	...	...
477	212	Heath C E	352	+1	18.0	6.1	20.7
188	104	Hogg Gp	183	+1	8.1	5.9	11.1
208	102	JIB Group	185	...	...	5.4	13.6
479	287	Legal & Gen	462	+10	18.8	5.4	...
1026	557	Liberty Life	981	+14	...	3.0	-
465	295	Lloyds Abbey	426 †	-5	17.3	5.4	-
269	160	Lloyd Thomp	266	...	5.6	2.8	19.6
318	203	Londn & Man	309	+4	13.5	5.9	23.8
362	224	Lowndes Lmb	355	+1	12.6	4.7	14.1
6743½	3931½	Marsh McLn	6350	+37½	...	2.9	...
154	93	Oriel	95	...	...	7.0	7.0
81	30	PWS	59 †	...	4.0	9.0	-
325	199	Prudential	312	+4	11.0	4.7	27.1
895	564	Refuge	889	+1	29.0	4.3	39.8
294	118	Royal	285	-1	11.2	...	...
240	100	Sedgwick	178	+2	6.0	4.5	19.1
321	162	Steel Burrill	234	+5	13.2	7.5	14.8
232	53	Sturge Hldgs	61	...	8.2	18.0	6.2
358	214	Sun Alliance	325½	-½	14.2	5.8	...
61	20	Trade Indemnity	55				
278	165	Transatlantic	277	...	...	5.8	19.4
580	305	Utd Friendly	580	+7	12.3	2.8	29.4
274	144	Willis Corroon	182	+6	13.2	9.7	20.4
21	14	Windsor	17	...	...	...	13.4

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1680	1218	Alliance	1677	+15	43.0	3.4	38.7
258	152	Amer Trust	252	+6	4.8	2.5	53.4
334	229	Ang & O'seas	334	+8	8.8	2.8	-
136½	98½	BZW Conv	133	+½	7.8	7.8	15.6
150	104	Bankers	148	+3	3.4	3.1	40.7
298	210	Baring Tribne	285	...	6.4	3.1	...
172	116	Berry Starq	146	...	2.0	1.8	49.3
106½	77½	Br Assets	103½	...	4.1	5.4	22.5
64½	46½	Br Empire Sec	63½	+1	0.8	1.9	64.5
17	8½	-do- Wnts	16				
171	123	Br Inv	166	+1	4.5	3.6	41.7
166	125	Contl Assets	160	...	2.4	2.0	-
230	165	Derby Inc	168	...	16.6	13.2	-
235	140	-do- Cap	210	+7			
119	65	Drayton Asia	114½	+½	0.7	0.8	...
96	59	-do- Blue Chip	89	...	8.4	16.9	7.4
57	26	-do- Eng Intl	55	...	1.2	2.9	...
104½	61	-do- Far East	103 †	+2	0.6	0.8	-
101	56	-do- Korea	99½				
628	473	Dunedin Inc G	606	+3	25.4	5.6	24.6
569	407	-do- Wwde	569	+9	9.5	2.2	58.6
278	203	Dundee & Lon	253	...	12.0	6.3	23.3
61	36	EFM Inc Tst	47	+1	4.8	13.8	8.5
54	40½	-do- Div Pf	53				
274	199	Edinburgh	260	+4½	8.0	4.1	31.8
154	107	Electric Gen	153	+2	3.1	2.7	48.7
91	65	English Scot	90				
242	186	European Asset	240	+1	...	1.2	-
104	68	Finsbury 'A'	90	...	3.0	4.4	29.0
280	162	Fleming Amer	279 †	+5	0.7	0.3	-
411	302	-do- Claver	400 †	+1	10.7	3.6	-
252	173	Do Contl	252	+1	2.8	1.3	...
162	119	-do- Emtp	159 †	+1	4.5	3.8	35.7
252	157	-do- F East	250	+2	1.5	0.8	...
289½	198	-do- Fledg	258½	+1½	3.0	1.4	-
116	81	-do- HI Inc	113	...	5.8	6.8	19.2
104	100	-do- Japan	163	...	0.3	0.3	...
271	193½	-do- Merc	263	+2	6.7	3.4	37.6
242	165½	-do- Oseas	239 †	+3	4.0	2.2	57.1
225	150	Foreign & Col	224	+3	...	2.0	66.2
192	144	-do- Eurotst	192	+1	1.2	0.4	...
106	71	-do- German	101	+2	0.4	0.5	...
221	134	-do- Pacific	218	+1	1.7	1.1	...
137½	79	-do- Smaller	135½	+1	...	1.8	68.8
205	121	GT Japan	168	+1	...	0.9	...
109	49	Genl Cons Cap	92	+1			
123½	96	-do- Inc	108 †	+2	9.3	11.6	-
145	63	Govett Am Smlr	133	+2			
222	128	-do- Oriental	222	+2	0.9	0.5	...
239	150	-do- Strategy	233	+6	0.7	3.9	32.2
369	265	Greenfriar	365 †	...	6.3	2.1	-
28	5	Gresham House	5				
53	31	Independent Inv	51½	...	0.5	1.3	...
132	95	Inv Cap	129½	+½	5.1	5.3	26.0
93	67	IBS UK Smllr	89	...	2.0	3.0	22.0
177	128	Kleinwort Chrt	174 †	+2	5.0	3.8	-
201	134½	-do- O'seas	196	+2	3.3	2.3	-
126	85	-do- Smlr	118	...	...	4.5	23.3
580	433	Law Debenture	567	+2	...	4.2	29.8
170	133½	Majedie	169	+1	...	3.7	32.7
246	176	Merchants	242	+4	...	5.8	22.3
4925	2437½	Merrill Lynch	4418½	+106½			
439	296	Monks Inv Tst	428	+8	6.7	2.1	57.6
116	81	Morg Gren Inc	113	...	...	5.4	22.4
27	13	Do Warrants	26				
46	33	Murray Euro	44	...	0.4	1.4	...
11	4½	Do Wts	9				
315	223	Murray Income	312	+3	...	4.6	29.7

MINING

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4112½	1800	Am Gold	2662½	-34½	...	8.3	12.1
2237½	1000	Ang Am Coal	1300	+25	...	7.9	5.6
2275	1012½	Ang Am	1500	+50	...	5.1	9.3
14½	7½	Anglo Pac Res	14½	+1			
110	33	Blyvoors	62	-4	...	11.0	3.1
25	11	Bracken	18	-2	...	...	1.2
566	208	Buffels	325	-13	...	13.9	7.0
4½	1½	Butte	1½				
631	437	CRA	621	+15	...	2.9	-
38	9	Cluff Res	14½	...	1.0	9.2	21.6
1662½	581½	De Beers	1068½	+46½	...	...	8.7
125	37½	Deelkraal	58	-3	...	11.5	2.9
46	7	Doornfontein	12				
759	388	Driefontein	540	-23	...	6.8	8.9
375	120	Durban	195				
121	39	E Rand Gold	61	+1	...	19.0	1.8
154	62	E Daggs	73	...	...	...	5.4
168	54	E Rand Prop	147				
470	117	Elandsrand	182	-8	...	7.5	-
535	272	FS Cons	476	-17	...	11.2	4.8
33	7	FS Dev	10				
1491	606	GFSA	944	+7	...	4.7	13.4
222	121	Gencor	146	-1	...	6.8	11.3
44½	29½	GM Kalgoorli	41½	...	...	3.3	10.2
11	2	Greenwich R 'A'	9½				
89	44	Grootvlei	61	...	...	19.3	-
368	78	Harmony	170	+4			
281½	87	Hartes	125	-10	...	...	4.3
11	5	Inoco	10				
820	486	Impala Plat	606	...	...	...	12.3
8	2½	Kenmare Res	7				
795	292	Kinross	450	...	...	12.5	4.4
624	293	Kloof	502	-22	...	3.9	7.7
60	21½	Leslie	39½	-1½	...	11.8	3.5
71	12	Loraine	19	+3			
128	90½	MIM	116½	+4	...	2.0	53.4
955	599	Minorco	911	+11	...	4.1	10.7
111	66	Nth Brkn Hill	107	+7½	...	4.6	-
1201	598	Orange Free	1075	-34½	...	13.0	8.6
688	469	RTZ	646	-5	19.5	4.0	19.5
1287½	375	Rand Mines	550	...	...	11.8	2.3
230	75	Rand Min Prp	95	...	...	19.6	4.1
334	136	Randfontein	208	-13	...	9.2	2.8
221	106	Renison	157	-10	...	2.9	15.3
1312½	812½	Rustnbrg	1000	...	...	5.2	13.9
410	183	St Helena	320	-13	...	8.3	-
1287½	475	Southvaal	800	...	...	8.1	-
60	17½	Stilfontein	48	...	...	15.3	-
183	43	Unisel	100	...	...	3.3	8.9
4000	1500	Vaal Reefs	2700	-100	...	9.4	-
334	154	Welkom	286	-8	...	12.6	7.9
99½	26	Western Areas	45				
2375	587½	Western Deep	1087½	-37½	...	6.5	-
225	164	Wstrn Mining	220	+4			
630	255	Winkels	441	...	...	2.5	3.3
72	16	Zambia Copper	69				
45	18	Zandpan	23	...	...	...	6.5

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
400	228	Abbey Panels	233	...	...	...	...
125	90	Airflow Stream	120	...	0.1	0.1	18.1
123	56	Appleyard	100	...	7.8	10.4	73.8
230	130	Bletchley Mtr	230	+5	8.2	7.3	13.0
145	115	Bostrom	137	+1	6.0	5.8	37.3
379	100	Br Aerospace	250	+5	25.0	...	5.3
378	303	Caffyns	323	...	11.5	4.7	43.0
9½	3	Caverdale	8½				
139	95	Central Mtrs	108 †	...	...	4.9	27.5
48	15½	Cook (DC)	20				
200	99	Cowie (T)	200	+5	4.8	3.3	15.1
133	75	Dag Motors	9b	...	5.7	8.0	11.3
132	85	Dovnprt Vern	132	...	4.0	4.1	-
264	130	ERF	209	-5	4.0	...	...
137	68	European Mtr	114	...	...	1.8	...
316	167	Evans Halshaw	257	...	11.2	5.8	23.9
283	163	FR Group	253	...	6.6	3.5	12.1
3581½	1500	Ford Motor	3262½				
2815	1681½	General Mtr	2762½	+112½	...	1.8	...
53	35	Gowrings	46	...	2.0	5.8	...
96	43	Henlys	93	...	3.0	4.3	...
786	465	Honda Motor	762	+1	...	0.7	...
31	10	Jacks (Wm)	21				
95	49	Jessups	78	...	4.5	7.7	...
225	75	Kwik-Fit	107	+1	3.3	4.2	10.6
336	175	Lex Service	314	...	10.0	4.3	...
128	74	Lookers	109	...	6.2	7.9	...
153	77	Lucas	146	+1	7.0	6.4	...
263	169	Pendragon	263	+8	6.0	3.0	23.5
175	103	Perry Gp	127	...	9.0	9.4	22.7
135	56	Quicks Group	133	-3	3.0	3.0	24.5
176	89	Rolls-Royce	127	...	7.2	7.6	24.0
160	99	Vardy (Reg)	140	...	4.0	3.8	21.4
145	93	Westland	143	...	4.2	4.0	12.6

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
125	73	Adscene	121	...	4.0	4.5	12.7
390	315	Black (A&C)	325	...	13.0	5.3	19.4
583	398	Blenheim Gp	580	...	9.0	2.1	21.7
330	248	Bristol	290	...	11.5	5.3	21.5
8300	5900	Daily Mail	7850	+50	130	2.2	17.7
8300	5800	Daily Mail 'A'	7850	+50	130	2.2	17.7
301	193	Dorling Kind	294	+4	...	1.4	28.1
365	224½	EMAP	337	+3	...	3.0	21.9
983	533	Euromoney Pb	978	+5	28.5	4.0	22.0
206	125	Harrington K	205	+2	...	2.9	21.4
368	155	Haynes Pub	338	...	6.0	2.4	14.4
238	140	Headline	238	...	10.0	1.7	26.5
183	105	Home Counts	125	...	8.2	8.8	23.6
6½	2	Intl Bus Comm	3½				
14½	6½	Ind Cm & Data	6½				
430	288	Independent	420	...	...	4.6	15.1
475	289	Johnstne Press	475	...	5.5	1.5	22.4
266	186	Metal Bullem	266	+1	7.4	3.7	21.5
125	49	Mirror Gp	109	+2	...	...	10.4
1446	509½	News Corp	1446	+29	...	0.3	24.3
764	258	News Intl	755	+1	3.9	0.7	13.0
459½	297	Pearson	391	+4	...	4.0	18.4
633	340	Portsmth Sund	630	...	8.6	1.8	16.2
682	447	Reed Int	647	+1	16.0	3.3	21.4
126	61	Southnews	126	+3	...	1.6	37.1
126	29	Sterling Pubs	126	+1	...	2.7	41.4
368	274	Telegraph	343	...	...	3.9	13.5
815	565	Thomson Corp	765 †	...	25.2	4.4	13.0
347	232	Trinity Intl	320	...	...	3.5	18.9
62	29	Unit Groups	34				
543	323	Utd Nwspprs	524	...	21.0	5.3	18.0

OILS, GAS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	6	Aberdeen Prs	15	+½	...	...	15.3
24	11½	Aran Energy	22½				
68	23	Arcon Intla	44	+2			
53	27	Ass Oil & Gas	52½				
290	20	Awkn Pet	50	-2			
48	8	Beverley	11	...	0.6	...	...
195	105	Br Borneo	169	...	7.1	5.6	18.6
295	223	British Gas	291½	...	...	6.1	13.5
304	182	Br Petroleum	262½	+1½	...	5.3	33.0
4½	1	Bula Resources	1½				
741	460	Burmah Castl	700	+6	24.0	4.6	16.0
75	21	Cairn Energy	47				
253	164	Calor Gp	243	-3	12.0	6.6	16.0
10	6½	Caspen Oil	7½				
80	20	Clyde Pet	46	-1	1.2	...	...
16½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	12½				
477	297	Enterprise	454½	-1½	15.7	4.6	32.4
103	25	Exp Co Louis	83	+6			
28½	14½	Fairhaven Intl	24½	...	...	1.1	9.0
69	34	Goal Pet	60	-1	1.2	2.8	11.3
31	5	Gt Western Res	25				
146	77	Hardy O & G	134	-1	1.0	1.0	43.6
26½	7½	Kelt Energy	15	-½			
263	112	LASMO	172	...	8.5	6.6	22.2
163	63	-do- Units	91	+10	15.0	22.0	...
51	11	Mid Sea Resa	16½				
42½	27	Monument	41½	-1	...	...	43.2
18½	5	New London	8				
35½	17	Nth Sea Assets	25	...	0.7	4.0	6.6
37	25	Oil Search	30	+1			
14	8	Perno2	13½				
103	57	Pict Pet	102	...	...	...	14.2
31	10	Premier	27½	...	...	...	12.3
108	43	Presidio	75	...	...	8.4	...
430	308	Ranger	358	-5	...	1.4	...
5950	4162½	Royal Dtch Fl	5862½	+84½	...	5.3	16.0

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1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4312½	3055	Schlumberger	4062½	-25	...	2.1	...
59	41	Seafield	55	-5			
605	435	Shell	592	+4½	21.9	4.8	21.1
206	110	Sunrise Eng St	202				
19	9	Teredo	9½				
82	26	Triton Europe	34	-1			
172	131	Woodside	157	+1	...	2.3	...
269	103	API	269	+6	7.5	3.7	23.4
290	123½	Arjo Wiggins	166	-2	8.3	...	12.6
448	365	Abbott Mead	448	...	8.4	2.5	22.5
3	½	Acsis Group	1				
128	13	Argis Gp	14	...	5½	...	4.7
212	105	Aspen Comms	205	...	...	3.2	25.1
13	7	BBB Designs	6½				
319	180	Bemrose	316	...	11.7	5.0	16.1
60	21	Birkdale	21	...	0.2	1.3	17.6
134	90	Bunzl	134	...	4.0	4.0	31.3
267	147	CIA Gp	24	...	...	1.9	17.5
51	36	City of Lona	45	...	...	10.1	9.4
200	135	Cropper (James)	179	+6	3.0	2.2	20.1
41	6	Crown Coms	6 #				
60	30	Delyn Pckgng	60	+1	1.4	3.2	11.6
149	78	Dolphin Pack	114	+1	4.5	5.3	15.2
74½	42	Dudley Jenkns	44	...	...	...	11.3
15	9½	Elswick	12½	...	0.2	...	10.3
68	38	Fairway Group	47	...	...	6.4	12.5
286	211	Ferguson Intl	273	-1	12.5	6.1	17.7
106	25	Filofax	105 †	...	...	0.5	26.2
46	6	Firth	16				
71	47	Gibbon Lyons	70	...	...	9.6	11.7
308	194	Gold Greenless	266	-12	8.3	4.0	22.7
53	27	Goodhead	27	...	0.5	2.5	...
160	32½	Hunterprint	81				
190	139	Interurope	158	...	7.4	7.4	...
200	123	Jarvis Porter	200	+5	4.4	2.3	21.5
50	13	Lopex	25	...	...	...	10.4
263	133	More O'Ferrall	210	-1	13.2	8.4	13.0
71	27	NMC Group	61	-1	1.2	...	12.0
60	56	Osborne & Little	71	...	4.3	6.2	9.1
189	132	Quarto	179	...	5.2	5.1	4.4
343	231	St Ives Gp	335	+1	5.2	2.1	25.6
245	115	Saatchi	195	-1			
754	381	Sappi	455	-1	...	5.6	6.6
19½	1½	Serif	17				
43	3	Standwick	25				
351	233	Smith David	325	...	9.5	3.9	14.4
335	210	Smurfit (Jeff)	286	...	...	0.6	9.2
263	171	Stat-Plus	208	+2	7.1	4.6	16.1
21½	10½	Taylor Nelson	20½	...	...	1.0	43.7
65	37	VTR	43	...	...	10.5	12.3
115	31	WPP	63				
195	48	Wace	73				
221	158	Waddington (J)	209	...	9.2	15.1	8.1
583	391	Wainough	580	...	7.9	5.0	15.5
4	¼	Waverley Cam	½	...	10.5	2.4	25.3
6½	1½	Westport	5				
39	12	Whitney Mcke	16	...	...	...	21.5
75	51	Wood (SW)	60 †	...	0.2	0.5	...

LEISURE

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66½	2	Airbreak Leis	3½	...	...	...	0.7
337	172	Airtours	295	+8	7.2	3.3	10.4
90	18	Ald Leis	54	...	...	...	15.4
243	145	Anglia TV	230	+17	...	4.6	20.7
217	135	Barr & W 'A'	204	...	10.0	6.5	10.2
1195	795	Boosey Hwks	1175	+12	20.0	2.3	15.6
113	70	Border TV	98	...	...	3.7	12.8
16½	4	Brent Walker	9½				
15	2½	Buckingham Int	5½	...	2.1	...	1.2
448	200	Campari	264	...	...	5.7	7.0
225	125	Capital Radio	193	...	5.2	3.6	22.5
819	468	Carlton Comm	772	+4	...	3.0	22.3
223	135	Castle Comms	195	...	...	5.8	22.0
1625	1050	Central TV	1795	...	30.5	2.3	23.1
88	49	Chrysalis	73				
664	405	Compass Gp	586	+11	12.3	2.8	16.7
440	273	Eurocamp	327	...	9.7	4.0	-
1693	673	Euro Disney	915	...	...	1.3	...
10	1	Euro Leisure	5½				
36	11	Ex-Lands	30	...	...	...	11.2
449	110	Fairline Boats	276	...	10.5	5.1	...
355	239	First Leisure	336	...	8.1	2.5	23.0
440	250	GWR Gp	475 †	-8	...	2.0	...
191	9½	Grampian	175	...	5.3	4.2	12.3
8	5	Greenwich Comm	6				
92	13	HTV Group	30	...	3.7	...	...
208	30	Hi-Tec Sports	60	...	5.5	...	3.8
18½	2½	Kunick	5½				
338	220	LWT CP	338	+2	5.0	2.3	16.5
377	280	Man Utd	373	-1	18.0	6.4	12.8
123	44½	Owners Abrd	118	...	3.5	4.0	...
130	19	The Pelican Gp	42	...	...	3.2	14.4
61	50	Prism Leisure	112	+3	...	3.2	12.8
319	18	Quadrant Grp	18	...	4.0	...	2.7
177	274	Radio Clyde	314				
502	125	Ramsdens (H)	139 †	-1	...	3.6	24.6
60	302½	Scot TV	501	...	...	4.7	-
194	40	Southern Radio	55	...	0.7	2.1	32.3
13	125	Stanley Leisure	194	+1	...	1.9	22.9
195	4	Sunleigh	5½	...	...	2.9	16.4
38	135	Sunset & Vine	143	...	3.5	3.3	15.4
44	27	TSW	29 #	...	...	22.7	3.7
420	3½	TVS	37	...	...	...	3.1
200	136	Tanjong	420	...	...	...	79.1
10½	134	Thames TV	173	-2	7.5	5.6	4.9
118	1	Tickering	1½				
75	75	Tottenham Hot	90	...	...	...	4.4
321	38	Trans World	64				
50	154	Ulster TV	321	...	7.5	3.1	22.3
18½	16	Wembley	31	...	1.8	...	...
191½	4½	Whitegate	15½				
136	110	Yorkshire TV	130	...	12.0	12.3	3.9
	80	Zetters Gp	103	...	8.0	10.4	10.4

PROPERTY

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3½	1½	Abaca Groups	1½				
86	28	Allied Lon	56	+1	3.5	8.4	48.3
70	55	Arcadian	61				
73	34	Asda	59	...	2.0	4.5	21.0
141	64	Avonside	95	+1	...	9.1	7.7
2575	1887½	BCE	2487½	-37½			
480	268	Bilton	480	+7	18.0	5.0	17.3
53	23	Bourne End	35	...	1.0	5.3	...
168	108	Bradford	164	-3	4.4	3.6	14.9
36	11	Bredero	19	...	...	...	1.6
275	110	Br Land	228	+4	6.3	3.7	21.0
188	108	Brixton	180	...	8.1	6.0	13.7
55	44	Burford	45½	...	0.9	2.8	23.8
125	98	Cap & Regnl	121	...	...	1.1	...
200	75	Cardiff Prop	120	...	2.4	2.7	-
433	105	Chesterfield	226	+4	18.5	...	15.9
80	9	City Site Ests	20	-1	1.4	...	...
40	8	Clarke Nickolls	16	...	0.3	...	3.9
32	8	Clayform	13	+1½			
883	785	Daejan	878	...	25.0	3.8	13.7
4½	¼	Dares Estates	1½				
76	30	Debenham Twsn	70	...	3.5	4.8	25.4
12	1	De Morgan	10				
135	76	Dencora	89	-1	5.5	8.2	...
540	263	Derwent Hldgs	325	...	8.6	3.6	38.3
250	170	Estates Agency	210	...	3.0	1.9	19.3
98	6	Estates Gen	15	...	3.7	...	4.7
143	100	Evans Of Leeds	133	...	4.1	4.2	12.7
31	11	Five Oaks	15				
55	28	Fletcher King	33	...	1.0	4.0	23.9
346	188	Frogmore	346	+5	15.0	5.8	18.1
125	51	Grainger	105	...	5.2	6.7	23.5
182	84	Gt Portland	139	+2	10.0	9.6	13.8
114	6½	Greycoat	10½	...	5.2	...	...
129	63	HK Land	120	+2½	...	4.2	20.2
48	19	Hambro Cntyw	40	...	0.0	0.2	...
588	180	Hammerson	304	+6	10.0	4.4	10.5
503	165	-do- 'A'	293	+6	10.0	4.6	14.7
150	69	Helical Bar	145	...	4.0	3.7	...
30	20	Hemingway	22				
175	85	Herring Baker	87	...	7.0	10.7	...
225	133	Jermyn	133	...	1.5	1.5	...
504	343	Land Sec	472½	+½	21.7	6.1	14.3
83	62	Lon Merch Sec	80	+1	3.8	6.3	12.7
3½	1½	Lon & Metro	2½				
411	196	MEPC	366	+7	20.0	7.3	15.3
6½	3	McInerney A	6½				
145	76	McKay Secs	105	...	6.7	...	17.2
20	3	Markheath	4½	...	0.5	...	...
133	8	Merivale Mre	23½	...	1.0	5.7	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #				
46	27	Moorfield Est	33	...	...	0.4	...
1075	580	Mountview	880	...	18.0	2.8	9.0
9	2	Mowat	5 #				
139	101	Mucklow (A&J)	139	+4	5.9	5.7	18.1
52	33	New Cavendish	50	...	...	...	26.8
117	30	Olive Hldgs	31	+1	9.0	...	4.7
30	3½	Ossory Est	8	...	0.1	2.5	2.3
103	8	Power Corp	8	...	...	...	0.9
111	54	Prop Security	102 †	+1	3.7	4.9	20.3
122½	14½	Property Trust	38	+1			
4½	½	Raglan	2				
68	1½	Regalian	14½	-½	1.5	13.6	2.9
10½	3½	Rosehaugh	7½				
175	125	Rowlinson Secs	125	...	1.3	1.4	26.6
25	12	St Modwen Prp	24	...	0.6	3.4	-
47	21	Savills	46	+2			
72	18	Scot Met	45	...	1.5	4.4	...
66	39	Shaftesbury	65				
12	2	Shield	12	+2			
36	11	Sinclair Gldsm	35 #	+7	0.5	1.9	...
348	83	Slough Estates	185	+5	8.1	5.9	10.5
78	36	Southend Prop	59	+1	4.1	9.4	29.8
20½	2½	Speyhawk	13½				
39	9	Stanhope Prps	19½				
89	58	Town Centre	89	+1	3.1	4.6	17.4
62	35	Trafford Park	61	+3	2.5	5.6	16.5
35	7	UK Land	30				
7	4	Union Square	4				
217	119	Warner	194	...	10.5	7.5	-
245	178	Warnford	180	...	7.2	5.5	12.3
8	1	Waterglade	6½				
91	23	Wates	46½	...	3.7	10.7	11.8
44	17	Wood John Ds	41				

SHOES, LEATHER

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28	9	Automagic	13				
101	42	Headlam	101	...	2.4	3.2	40.0
455	265	Lambert	455	...	12.5	3.7	11.8
111	63	Pittard Garnar	96	...	1.5	2.1	12.6
41	18	Strong & Fisher	22	...	1.0	6.1	6.1
193	88	Stylo	125	...	2.5	2.7	...

TEXTILES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
466	362	Allied Text	464 †	-1	12.6	3.6	-
73	47	Beckman (A)	63	-1	4.7	10.1	12.5
52	21	Bolton Gp	23	...	...	...	11.7
163	138	Br Mohair	163	...	9.5	7.0	12.9
119	30	Celestion	119	...	1.2	1.3	...
41	15	Charnwell	30	...	0.4	2.7	...
337	186½	Claremont Gs	324	+3	...	1.6	22.1
579	361	Courtauld Text	579	+6	13.0	3.0	17.1
248½	160	Dawson	226	...	9.0	5.3	22.0
59	17	Drummond	24	...	1.5	...	7.7
60	17½	Dunkeld	33				
73	60	Faupel	72	...	...	9.1	7.1
68	24	Foster (John)	32	...	0.5	2.1	...
142	84	Gaskell	85	...	8.5	...	...
186	99	Hicking Pntcst	173	-2	3.4	2.6	14.7
73	38	Jerome (S)	46	...	1.0	...	...
309	215	Lamont	286	...	...	5.6	14.0
410½	205½	Leeds	401 †	...	...	2.4	19.4
41	15	Liner	37	...	0.1	0.4	...
122	81	Lyles (S)	107	...	4.9	6.1	12.1
94	53	Parkland 'A'	80	-1	2.0	3.3	...
95½	63	Readicut	93½	...	3.4	4.9	18.6
71	30	SEET	46				
91	67	Sirdar	86	...	5.1	8.0	14.9
51	29	Stirling Gp	49	...	1.6	4.5	20.4
59	31	Stoddard	47	...	2.6	7.4	12.5
312	198	Tomkinsons	309	+1	11.5	5.0	26.7
5½	3	West Trust	3½	...	8.9	...	...
356	160	Yorklyde	338	...	9.7	3.9	15.8

TOBACCOS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1010	608	BAT	964	+6	33.6	4.6	25.5
669	480	Rothmans 'B'	610	-1	10.2	2.2	13.9

TRANSPORT

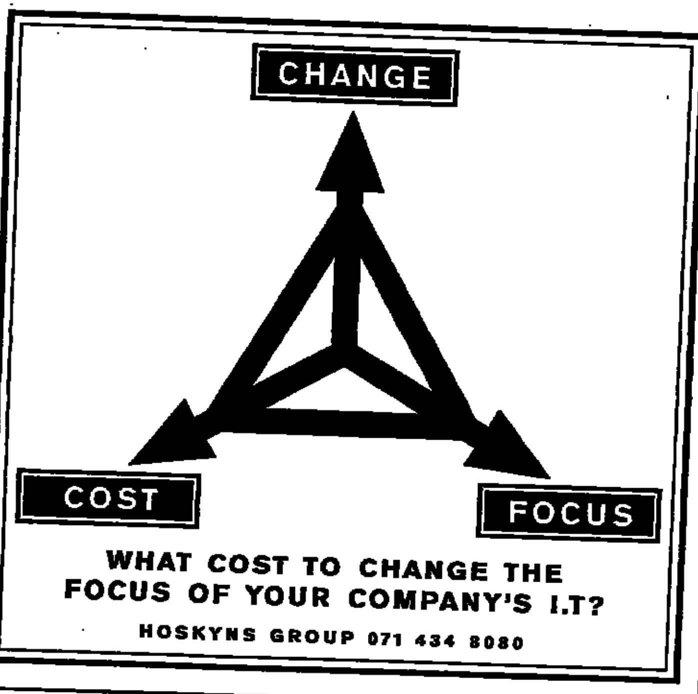
1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
440	211	Assoc Br Ports	376	+11	8.0	2.8	...
816	531	BAA	781	+11	14.5	2.5	13.8
315	219	Br Airways	287	+7	10.1	4.7	7.7
182	45	Clarkson (H)	80	+2	5.0	...	3.5
101	11	Davies Newman	23 #				
488	293	Eurotunnel Uts	475	+8			
88	44	Fisher (James)	44	...	5.5	...	12.3
140	70	Graig	133	...	4.5	4.4	...
203	147	IoM Steam	158	...	...	...	...
30	22	Jacobs (JI)	31	...	...	6.3	7.6
53	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	41	...	1.9	8.2	10.5
1512½	1237½	Manchstr Sh	1387½	...	1.2	4.1	2.5
320	190	Mersey Docks	318	+9	7.5	3.2	-
210	168	Natl Express	204	...	...	4.7	13.4
285	216	NFC	271	+1	6.5	3.2	20.6
357	170	Ocean Group	264	+2	14.3	7.2	11.9
63	31	Ocean Wilson	53	+5	...	6.7	11.8
584	296½	P & O Dfd	558	+1	30.5	7.3	19.7
156	97	P & O 5 1/2%	134	+1	...	5.5	...
532	267	Powell Duffryn	532	+1	22.6	5.8	20.9
138	96	Sealcona	128 †	...	...	5.3	-
59	33½	TIP Europe	27½	...	1.4	6.8	6.7
87	24	TNT	36½	+½			
745	495½	Tibbet & Britin	725	...	...	2.0	29.0
478	214	Tiphook	337	+4	17.3	6.8	6.7
307	208	TDG	293	...	9.5	4.3	17.5

WATER

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
511	308½	Anglian Water	509	...	19.3	5.1	9.2
591	336	Northumbrian	580	+4	20.5	4.7	6.0
513	323	North West	494	+1	19.6	5.3	8.7
492	298	Severn Trent	491	+1	19.3	5.2	7.2
505	301	Sthrn Water	505	+7	19.5	5.1	8.0
1300	670	Sth Staffs	1270	...	40.2	4.2	8.2
527	306	South West	523	+5	21.7	5.5	7.9
518	324	Thames Water	512	+2	19.2	5.0	4.7
565	337	Welsh Water	563	+5	21.4	5.1	6.5
611	358½	Wessex Water	608	+2	...	4.3	8.2
550	336	Yorkshire W	549	+4	19.5	4.7	8.9

Source: Finstat

• USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; § Ex all; ‡ Ex capital distribution; – Figures or report awaited; .. No significant data.



INFOTECH

Let's play it again, Gazza

This weekend viewers of a cable TV system will have four angles of a football match at their fingertips, Matthew May reports

On Sunday afternoon more than 100,000 people will be able to take a look at one of Britain's first experiments in interactive television. While most of the viewers of LWT's *London Match* will be able to watch only one picture, subscribers linked to a cable television system called Videoway will be able to call up three extra channels.

One will show the match from a different camera angle offering continuous "on the ball action", while another will broadcast the same pictures as the main channel with an eight-second delay, allowing viewers to choose when they want an instant replay of any sporting incident. The fourth channel will show computer-generated statistics on the teams, which will be updated during the match.

This sort of interactive television — which allows the viewer to choose which angle of the match he or she wants to watch — is one way to make use of a predicted explosion in the number of television channels that will become available over the next few years or so.

> 'Viewers in the US will be able to select from 100 videos for instant viewing'

The expansion will come not so much because companies are desperate to get new channels, but because of promising developments in techology which will allow up to ten channels to be transmitted in the space at present occupied by one. The result is that dozens, if not hundreds, of new channels will become available.

The technical trick involved is digital compression, where several television channels can be turned into digital information, compressed and sent down the same space normally occupied by one of today's analogue channels.

The system does, however, require viewers to have a box on top of their television sets that will unscramble this digital information back into analogue channels so that it can be displayed on an ordinary receiver. The first systems will be aimed at cable and satellite television operators who can offer the necessary digital decoders as part of their package.

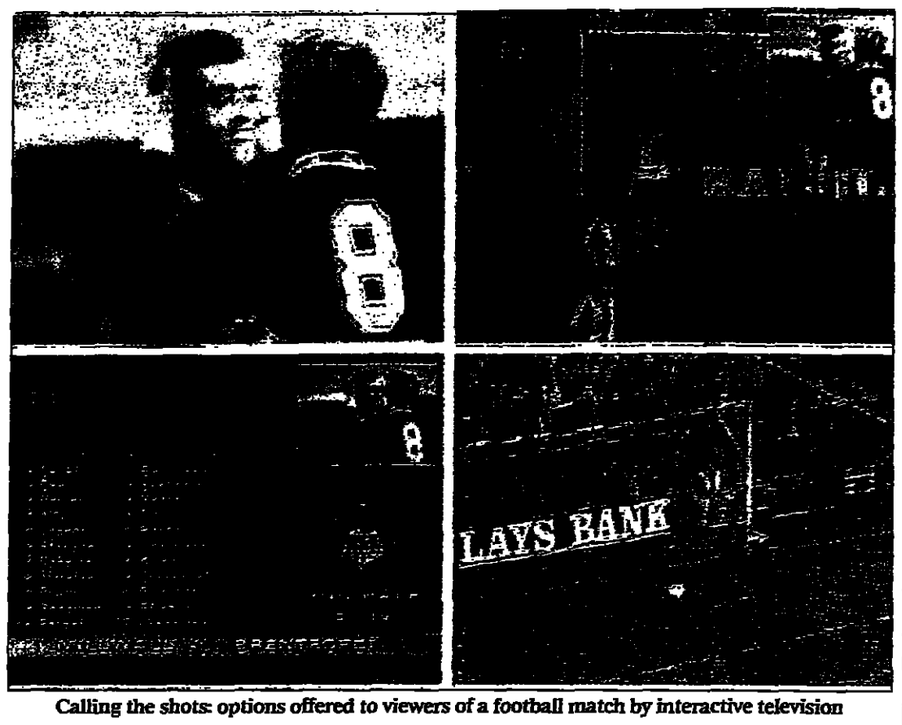
Recently, Tele-Communications, the biggest cable television operator in the United States, announced that it will start a digital transmission system in America next year and will order a million of the set-top decoders. Potentially the system will have the capacity for 500 channels.

Many of these channels will not carry programmes in the accepted sense. The possibilities include showing a popular film on several channels at once, but starting at 15 minute intervals — or sports events repeated during the day to fit in with when people want to watch them. Videotron, the cable operator behind the Videoway system, experimented with using three channels during the Olympics to transmit Eurosport coverage live and with four and eight hour delays.

Dr Roger Blakeway, the director of engineering for Videotron, is cautious when asked whether digital compression will quickly result in countless channels especially for Europe: "At the moment if you split a channel into ten digital ones the quality you get is less than that from a video casette recorder." This is less of a problem in America, where picture quality is generally worse than in western Europe.

"Putting perhaps four channels into one is more likely and would be a big advantage," Dr Blakeway says. "There isn't a suitable product available at the moment but I think there will be in a year or two."

Once television channels become less valuable commodities there could be a host of service channels ranging, perhaps, from the "flower arranging channel" to the "local car park surveillance channel". Research suggests, for example, that closed-circuit TV channels in apartment blocks, showing pictures from security cameras pointed at the main entrance, with who comes and goes, have surprisingly high viewing figures.



Calling the shots: options offered to viewers of a football match by interactive television

Other uses include home shopping, computer games that can be played against other viewers or, perhaps, a headline news channel that offers in-depth background to each story on separate channels. Channels may also be used just to show pretty pictures and provide a sort of moving wallpaper.

If hundreds of channels do arrive, then the common American technique of "channel surfing" — looking at what is on each channel before deciding which one to watch — will become impossible, so some sort of automatic selection system will be vital.

Once channels are digital they are also more suited to being integrated with computer power. Hi-tech companies have already realised that there may be a new market on the way. The giant software company, Microsoft, for example, is working on a prototype "smart" television that will learn a viewer's habits and use the information to suggest those programmes that may interest the viewer.

Viewers will be able to instruct the smart television directly on what they like as well as letting it deduce likes and dislikes from what is actually watched — the more often the viewer watches television the quicker the machine picks up their preferences.

Smart sets will be able to make suggestions on what to watch in different ways, ranging from splitting the screen into a mosaic of those programmes currently showing what it thinks meet that individual's tastes to, perhaps, a listing of any films coming up featuring the viewer's favourite actors or topics.

The television computer is not that far off. Microsoft's prototype uses a 386 chip, the same that drives most personal computers, and the Windows software package to control the mosaic option of dividing up the screen. Software is expected to become available next year and Microsoft hopes that American cable companies could become the first customers.

If there are hundreds of channels then it could also mean dozens of films being on offer at any one time in direct competition with the range at the local video rental store. But by then there will be competition from at least one American telephone company, which is planning to offer a dial-a-film service. Later this year, Bell Atlantic will begin testing the system in Northern Virgina. Viewers will be able to call up an electronic menu on a television screen and select from 100 videos for instant viewing.

Eye-to-eye with a wanted man

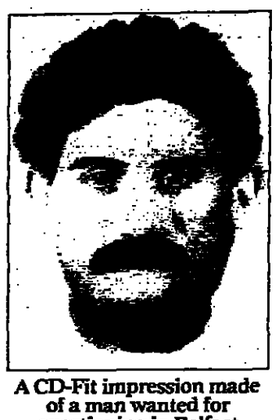
Witnesses can now help police to build a likeness of suspects by using a computer

Detectives in Northern Ireland, skilled in drawing detailed descriptions of armed attackers and other criminals from sometimes injured or shocked witnesses, are now equipped with a powerful new tool.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary is the first force to adopt a portable electronic system of compiling facial likenesses to replace the Photofit.

The system, which has been tested by Hertfordshire police, can be taken by the interviewing detective to a witness's home or, as happened with a man injured in a sectarian shooting in Belfast last month, used at a hospital bedside.

The system, CD-Fit, was developed by the Edgware software house Noble Campion to meet a Home Office need. The Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) has demanded that Photofit be phased out and replaced by an easier to use electronic system by 1995.


A CD-Fit impression made of a man wanted for questioning in Belfast

The RUC has seven portable systems at a cost of £5,500 each. The system uses a laptop computer capable of driving an optional second screen, for the witness, coupled to a small printer.

A cognitive interview rarely takes less than two hours, gently coaxing information from people who are not always aware of all that they may have seen.

Details of a suspect's face — starting with shape, hair, eyes, mouth and whether young or old — are fed into the machine and can be modified as the picture evolves.

The resulting printouts are black-and-white half-tones. Colour is said to only complicate the process of getting a good likeness from the memory of, probably, a fleeting encounter.

The witness signs across a copy of the printout, to prevent the possibility of courtroom allegations later that police have tampered with identification evidence.

The first suspects to be arrested and charged in Northern Ireland after CD-Fit identifications are now awaiting trial. Its potential was displayed on its first day in RUC service in December.

An instructor was showing several detectives how to use it when an RUC officer came in, having seen a bomb being planted. Within an hour, using CD-Fit, he had produced a likeness of the bomber.

"We are getting likenesses which are related by witnesses as 90 per cent accurate," says Detective Chief Inspector Ian Auterson. "If you got a 50 percent likeness with Photofit, you thought that was wonderful."

The system can also be used to help in the identification of the dead or critically injured. "A corpse can be photographed by a camera recording on a disc and the image fed in," Mr Auterson said. "The eyes can be electronically opened and, say, with a traffic accident victim, facial injuries removed. We then have an excellent printout for an identification appeal which can be sent through a modem."

At present only male databases are available, as only about 2 per cent of British crime involves women.

BOB RODWELL

Art of slipping double the amount of space onto a computer disc

Fancy a game of squash?

It has often been said that you cannot get something for nothing, but the chances are that whoever said that was not in the personal computer business. The latest popular giveaway by hard-pressed companies in the information technology field is compression and decompression software.

This software can allow computer users to virtually double the capacity of their storage systems. Using packages with names such as Stacker and Disk Doubler it is possible to store 80 megabytes of information on a 40 megabyte hard disc and 2.88 megabytes on a 1.44 megabyte floppy disc.

On average, these packages sell for less than £100 when purchased on their own, while buying a new, larger, hard disc can cost £300.

These programs accomplish their space saving by taking out all unnecessary information from every file. Compression or "disc doubling" systems, for example, often take all the spaces from a word-processed document and instead merely create a table of where the spaces are supposed to go when the document is decompressed.

Compression packages have been around for years, but what makes today's offerings a little different is that the compression and decompression happens as you use the system.

Although customers can buy this software, the chances are that someone will want to give it to them over the next year if they buy other computer products.

IBM, for example, has been giving away copies of Stacker with some of its products, while Microsoft is to include a Stacker compatible disc-doubling system with its new version-six of the MS-DOS operating system, due to go on sale in April. These are just a couple of examples. Literally dozens of other computer companies are bundling disc doubler products with their systems at the moment.



These compression packages have become particularly popular among users of portable computers for whom the task of upgrading to a larger hard disc can be even more expensive than for desktop computer users.

The growth in popularity of compression utilities has, however, been slow and cautious by computer industry standards — largely because early packages developed a reputation for not being particularly reliable.

Furthermore, since the act of compressing data actually scrambles it, users can face immense problems if the decompression part of the software does not work properly.

For this reason, producers of such packages include a warning that users should make a back-up copy of all the data on a hard disc before installing it so that important information will not be lost if there are any problems.

There is, unfortunately, another price to pay for using these instant packages: they can significantly slow down the performance of a computer, particularly if it is not very powerful in the first place.

This becomes especially evident when using graphically-based software such as desktop publishing, computer aided design or the Windows operating environment. If a personal computer is already a little slow when running these applications, it can seem a great deal slower when using a compression package.

Most new personal computers, however, are not hampered by lack of power and can handle the degradation in speed caused by the use of such packages.

With the amount of disc space demanded by most modern applications, it is virtually certain that the use of compression packages will continue to grow in popularity. Just one typical Windows application, for example, can need between 10 and 15 megabytes out of an average 80 megabyte hard disk.

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The closing date of the competition run by *The Sunday Times* and Andersen Consulting to recognise effective uses of information technology has now passed, and a wide variety of interesting entries have been received. Winners of the IT for Business Excellence Awards will be those organisations which have used technology to support clearly defined business strategies. Technology will have been the driver of enhanced processes, and there will have been a commitment to ensure the understanding and acceptance of the employees who use it.

There are separate awards for organisations above and below £100m turnover per annum, along with special categories for innovation, the best management of change and the best application of IT by students in higher education.

The Sunday Times / Andersen Consulting IT for Business Excellence Awards 1993 will be presented by Edward Leigh MP, Under Secretary of State and the Department of Trade and Industry and Minister of Technology. The Awards dinner will take place at The Savoy Hotel, London on Wednesday 24 March 1993. The evening will begin with a cocktail reception at 7.15pm, followed by dinner in the Lancaster Room at 7.45pm.

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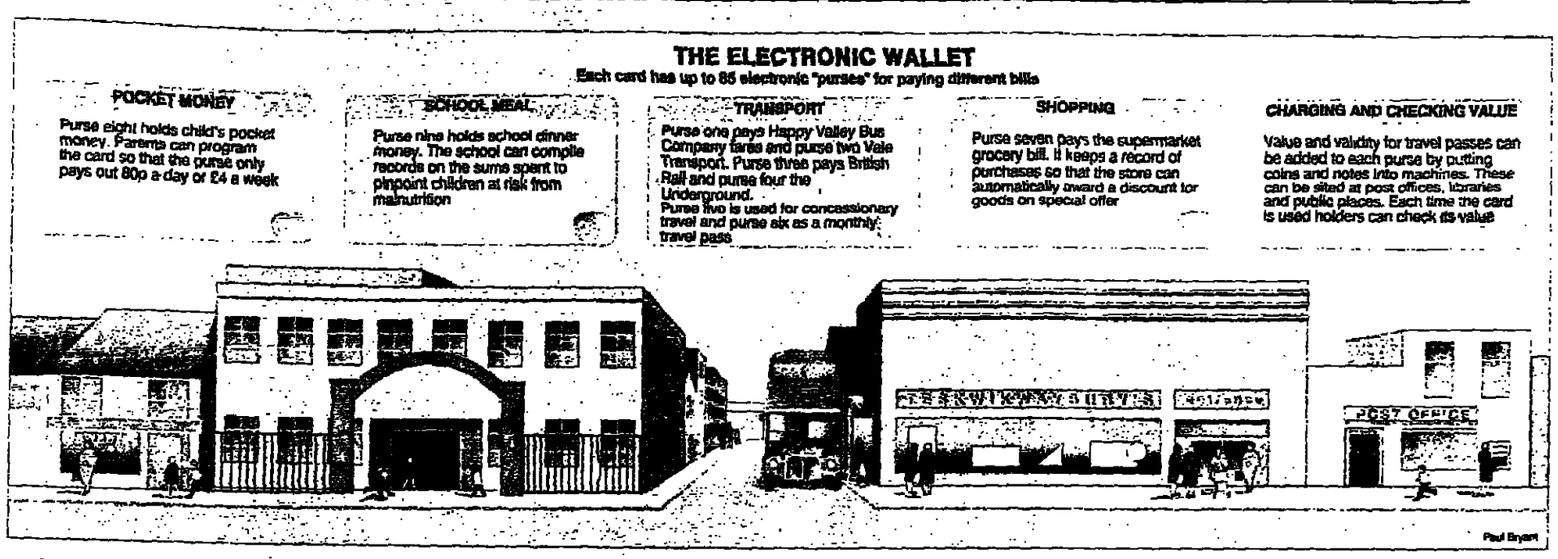
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A plastic card which unlocks the doors to community services is on trial, says **Nick Nuttall**



Switching to the card that is the key to the future

After a faltering start in Britain, smart cards appear to be about to make inroads into the public transport networks of the main cities.

The plastic devices, which resemble credit cards, each carry a microchip with the processing power of a personal computer, allowing holders to pay for goods and services in new ways.

Personal information can also be carried, which can be linked to the right to concessionary fares and special permits, and to record the card's use.

An estimated 260 million smart cards are in operation worldwide but in the UK the numbers are believed to be just over two million, mainly in the pay television market.

Unlike conventional credit and debit cards, the devices can be charged up with funds, or have concessionary fares encoded onto them by machines in post offices, libraries, stations and public places, or by a transport authority at the time of issue.

Conventional smart cards, such as those used on buses at Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, have to be removed from a wallet and slid through a reader device which checks the card's validity or debits a fare.

The new technology uses radio, allowing the cards to be read at a distance. Supporters of contactless smart cards claim that this is a significant advantage especially on public transport where many passengers will be the eldery, young children or mothers.

Instead of fumbling for money, or inserting a conventional smart card, travellers can wave the new device as they board a bus, tram or train. There is no chance of the card-reader to become jammed. Studies indicate that, in a congested city, the technology might increase the average speed of a bus from 8.1 to 8.7 miles an hour by getting people on board faster.

John Baker, the managing director of GEC Card Technology in Walsall, the company that makes the cards, says: "This is actually a spectacular improvement in transport terms, the equivalent of billions of pounds in road improvements."

He says the cards, which work with equipment made by an Australian/Danish venture called AES Scanpoint, were less open to fraud than traditional plastic cards because only the loaded value could be stolen and because the cards are not linked to a bank or credit account.

At the heart of the cards are up to 85 "electronic purses", each of which can be linked to reading machines owned by a transport company, supermarket or any organisation. When holders load the cards, by feeding coins or notes in a machine, or by debiting their bank account over the telephone, they can choose which purse to fill.

One "purse" could be used as a monthly bus pass and another for a concessionary fare on the underground or British Rail.

Purse number eight, for example, could be used for cash fares, with the passenger requesting a 90 pence ride, with the radio reader debiting the amount rather like a phone card.

Parents could designate, say, purse 15 on their child's card for school meals with another for pocket money.

The card could also be programmed so that only 80 pence of the pocket money purse can be accessed by a child each day.

Full details of the world's biggest introduction of the contactless technology, due to take place in the autumn in Greater Manchester, were given yesterday at *Smart Card 93* taking place at Wembley, London.

> An estimated 260 million smart cards are in operation worldwide

The first phase is earmarked for the Bolton area, where cards are to be issued to a group of elderly travellers and schoolchildren, before the system is expanded across the county.

The local transport authority is to spend £10 million issuing 700,000 cards and installing special electronic readers on 2,700 buses and at over 130 Metro-Link and railway stations.

About 800 outlets across the county will have the special machines installed in which the cards can be charged. By employing this technology, more than £1 million a year may be saved.

Bus inspectors will be issued with portable inspection readers that check the validity of the card and, if needed, issue a ticket paid for with the value stored on the card.

London Buses are planning a pilot scheme in the Harrow area this year using over 150 buses, and the project is being monitored closely by London Underground officials. At least two other authorities in Yorkshire are studying similar projects.

Bill Tyson, the director of planning at Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive, said yesterday that the scheme opened up numerous possibilities beyond transport.

Children could use the cards not just for travel but for paying for school dinners. Schools could in turn monitor the diets of pupils perhaps to identify those at risk from unhealthy eating.

Discussions have also taken place with at least one supermarket so that shoppers could use the card to pay for goods. The store might have a new way of tracking customer purchasing trends.

The cards could also be used to build loyalty by being programmed to orchestrate special offers such as buy ten items, get one free. If someone, for example, bought ten packs one month it could be recorded on the card with the eleventh pack automatically credited to the customer.

The Manchester transport executive is examining the possibility of issuing council officials with portable versions of the smart card-readers for the collection of rents to try to reduce muggings.

Mr Tyson says that they had decided to use a type of card which cannot be read by just waving it a few inches from the reader, as surveys in the region have indicated that people would like to know that a transaction had taken place.

Instead, passengers will put the card on the reader which triggers a noise or light indicating that it has been read and a fare taken.

Other features linked with the system include a new electronic console which will allow the driver to look up a destination and its fare in seconds.

Mr Baker says that one of the main motivations driving the interest in the technology has been its ability to ensure that privatised bus companies operating in a city are correctly recompensed.

At present bus companies operating in the same area have lengthy disputes with local authorities over just how many concessionary fares they have carried.

By allocating a "purse" to each of the bus firms, operators will have a precise daily record of the type of passengers they have carried.

ONLINE

Speaking in tones

FORGET letting your fingers do the walking. The American telephone company, Nynex, has unveiled a service that lets subscribers dial a number simply by speaking a name into the receiver.

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Once the match is made, a software program dials the number. A market test among 400 New York-based customers will begin next month.

Rescue bid

THE French government is preparing to put slightly more than two billion French francs (£250 million) into the ailing Bull computer company.

The funding would take the total amount of state cash made available to Bull within three years to Ffr6 billion.

The management of Bull has been pressing for months for an injection of funds or even an increase in share capital.

Agree to agree

SONY and Matsushita Electric are negotiating a common standard for future digital videocassette recorders (VCRs), to avoid repeating a video battle they had a decade ago between the Beta and VHS formats for analogue VCRs.

Another reason to co-operate is the worry that, by the time the digital VCR market matures in the late 1990s, it could be superseded by a new, more advanced product — perhaps a recordable compact disc with video squeezed on using digital compression technology.

Small is best

FOURTEEN new mini-computers being produced by IBM will perform an average of 35 per cent better than its previous AS-400, the company says.

Mid-range computers generally sell in the range of anything from £10,000 to £1 million, and IBM has about 22 per cent of the market.

Analysts say IBM maintains a slight edge because of the numerous existing software programs that are written specifically for IBM machines and that are not compatible with rival products.

Fade to blue

ELECTRIC sunglasses, which turn dark blue at the touch of a button, will go on sale in Japan at the beginning of April at a cool 48,000 yen (about £280) a pair.

Electrochromatic devices in the lenses change colour when an electric charge is emitted by tiny batteries fitted to the sunglasses.

Photochromatic sunglasses that darken automatically in bright sunlight change colour only gradually. The new glasses, for sale only in Japan, take nine seconds to change from clear to grey-blue and only four to fade back again, says Nikon, the company selling them.

Next please

CANON is to take over Next Computer's hardware design centre while Next concentrates on software.

Canon invested £85 million in the California-based computer maker in 1989. Next, which was begun by the Apple Computer co-founder, Steven Jobs, in 1985, has been struggling financially.

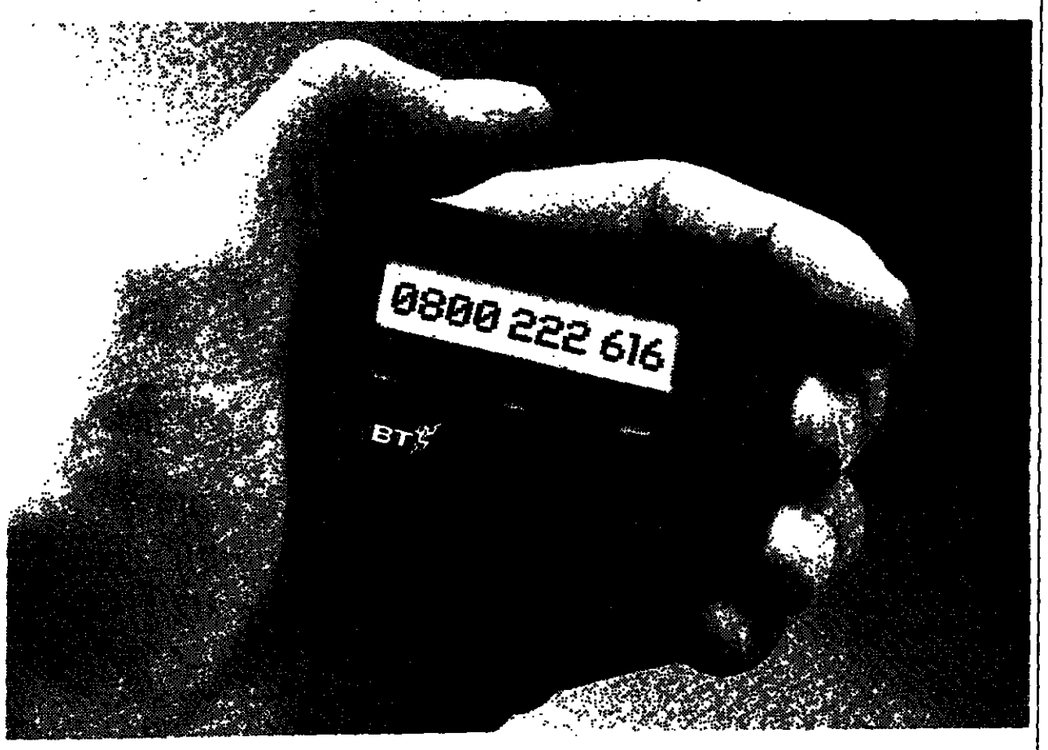
While Next computers have been overtaken in speed by rivals such as Sun Microsystems and IBM, Next has one of the most advanced software systems available. The company is presently rewriting the software for IBM-compatible computers.

No charge

A SWEDISH crime syndicate stole thousands of mobile telephones, reprogrammed them so that the bills would be sent to somebody else and then sold them on the black market as "no-charge phones".

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Present turns to past

David Guest reports on a worshipful company that is bringing back the tradition of the apprentice

Some time in 1996, five young people will become freemen of the City of London as the first graduates of one of the computer industry's more exotic training schemes.

The five are apprentices attached to the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists. Formed seven years ago, this is the hundredth and most recent livery company on the City of London's rolls.

While apprenticeships and worshipful companies fit easily together in the imagination, it tends to be against a backdrop of gas lamps and horse-drawn vehicles.

Why would a late-20th century industry such as computing deliberately set out to revive the forms of the distant past?

Not so distant, argues Robin Laidlaw, the company secretary, who was himself an apprentice engineer before embarking on an information technology (IT) career that took him to the top of his profession at British Gas. "The old guilds and livery companies were responsible for standards, quality, education and training," he says. "We have tried to meet some of the old objectives and bring back the tradition of the apprentice."

The worshipful company has been described as "the British Computer Society in drag". It is hard to say which organisation this flatters less. The point, however, is that the company's self-conscious traditionalism does strike some in the industry as slightly suspect.

"Our mission is to promote the use of information technology to help the City of London maintain its competitive position," Mr Laidlaw says. "The Lord Mayor regards us as a modern guild totally relevant to the contemporary needs of the City. If you look at us and some of the other newer companies — such as engineers, constructors, architects and air pilots — they are very working guilds. And it is a fact that the City is not going to be able to operate without the extensive use of information technology."



The worshipful company's apprentices were enrolled last October in a deliberately old-fashioned formal ceremony. Subsequently, ceremonial gave way to more mundane considerations. For example, the apprenticeship may be for four years, but it is renewable on an annual basis. "We have to be flexible and pragmatic," Mr Laidlaw says. "None of our major companies is going to want to drag a youngster through the courts."

A liveryman of the company takes overall responsibility for each apprentice and a "mentor" in the employer's company is appointed to look after each one on a day-to-day basis. The training follows City and Guilds lines in conforming to recognised IT methods.

On graduation, the apprentices have a nationally recognised qualification. They also become freemen of the worshipful company and hence of the City of London. But for the Reform Bill of 1832, they would have been halfway to having exclusive voting rights in the election of MPs for the City of London.

One criticism levelled at the worshipful company is that it is top-heavy with people whose careers have been in the supply side of the industry. The same might be said about the apprenticeship scheme.

All five individuals involved — four men and one woman — work for suppliers of computer equipment and services. Two are from Group Bull and one each from ICL, Logica and Servicetec. "This would concern me if it were to continue," Mr Laidlaw says, "but we would like to get major users involved."

In the relatively short history of computing, IT companies and those buying their equipment have often been unsuccessful in meeting the need for skilled staff. Until the recession, the amount of training fell far short of the industry's annual requirement for 20,000 new recruits. Companies operating their own training schemes were increasingly sensitive about the investment that training represented, and there were mutterings about job-hopping.

"If you look at information technology, there are generally two levels of entry: university graduates, and salesmen who deal in computers as commodities," Mr Laidlaw says. "In between, there are quite a lot of youngsters not interested in a sales-oriented career, but who haven't had the opportunity to go to university, and it is them we are looking at."

"In the absence of government-sponsored schemes, any entry-level training is valuable," says Rick Firth, the National Computing Centre's director of training and consultancy. "At the moment the industry is losing more people than it is taking on, but it won't always be that way."

Usually a trainee programmer with a company is expected to be productive in a matter of months. The worshipful company aims to produce information technologists of greater competence than the average computer-literate. Given four years, it ought to.



Signing up: an apprentice enrols for the Information Technologists' livery company scheme

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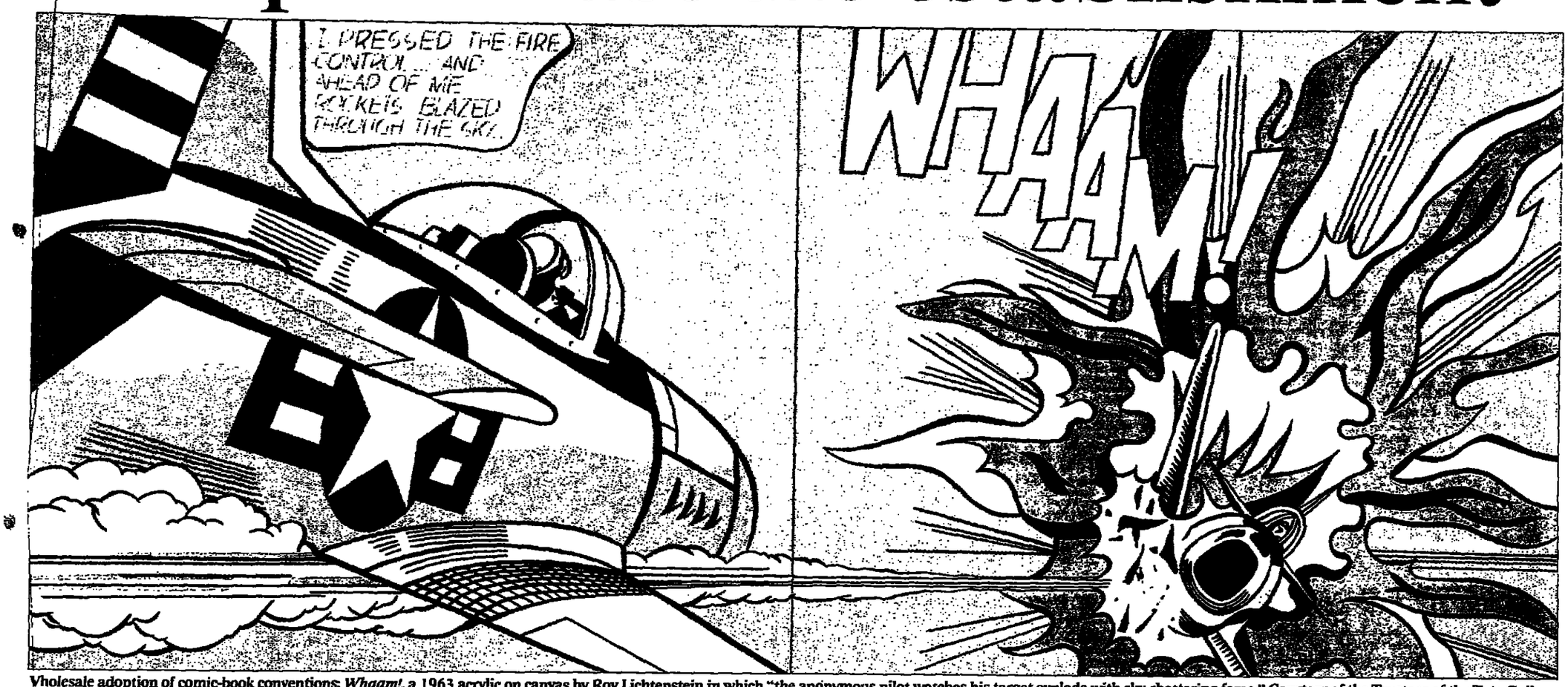
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Richard Cork on Pop artist Roy Lichtenstein, now the subject of a Tate Gallery Liverpool retrospective

Strips to tease the establishment



Wholesale adoption of comic-book conventions: *Whaam!*, a 1963 acrylic on canvas by Roy Lichtenstein in which "the anonymous pilot watches his target explode with sky-shattering force." Courtesy of the Trustees of the Tate Gallery

Zapping his rockets at an enemy plane, the anonymous fighter-pilot in Roy Lichtenstein's *Whaam!* watches his target explode with sky-shattering force. But he could equally well be the man who painted this picture, for Lichtenstein was accused in the early 1960s of conducting a sustained attack on the values upheld by his many detractors. They were incensed by his wholesale adoption of comic-book conventions, purloining both style and subjects from material widely regarded as too vulgar for High Art.

In their enraged eyes, he was guilty of taking these trashy images and blowing them up to a pernitiously inflated size. Comic strips had no right to hang on Manhattan gallery walls, and the fact that Lichtenstein found buyers for his heretical work only increased the general vituperation.

Now, almost exactly 30 years after it was produced, the monumental *Whaam!* presides effortlessly over the first room of the Tate Gallery Liverpool's Lichtenstein retrospective. He will be 70 in October, and enjoys the status of a Grand Old Man in the American painting pantheon. His early Pop pictures are today more likely to inspire affection than disgust. *Whaam!* itself has acquired the patina of age, slightly dulling the original brashness and leaving grime on the edges where its two canvases are joined in the composition's centre.

So we have difficulty in imagining just how debased Lichtenstein's art once seemed. "Is He The Worst Artist In The US?" asked a *Life* headline in 1964, and many reviewers could not forgive him for betraying the legacy of Abstract Expressionism. Pollock and de Kooning had staked everything on the intensity of individual emotion, conveyed through turbulent, beefy brushstrokes and a sublime disregard for observable reality.

Lichtenstein jettisoned their elevated way of seeing, apparently without hesitation. He replaced the cult of personal mark-making with a machine finish, borrowing thick outlines and blatant colour from comic-books and spattering his images with the dots used in the Ben Day reproduction process.

He even had the cheek to produce, in the mid-1960s, a spectacular series of paintings which isolated the archetypal Abstract Expressionist brushstrokes and expanded them to monstrous, overblown dimensions. Their rhetoric was mocked with cool, dandified precision. *Yellow Brushstroke* in the Tate show maroons its subject on an arid expanse of grey dots, occasionally besmirched by custard-like blobs dribbling down from the main sweep of paint.

The truth is, though, that the artist who conducted these poised, deadpan raids on the older generation had not always been so assured. Already 40 by the time *Whaam!* was painted with such panache in 1963, he had struggled for well over a decade before then to define his mature identity.

In 1954 Robert Rosenblum complained that the young Lichtenstein, then painting cowboy and Indian themes, was too heavily indebted to "the Braque contingent of the School of Paris." Rosenblum concluded that "caution and good taste characterise his personality." So a huge effort of will must have been required for Lichtenstein to break free and proclaim his own rebellious priorities.

I would have welcomed the chance to see something, at least, of his work from the 1950s. However tentative those paintings may be, their presence here would enable us to gauge the size of the leap he had to make into the confidence of Pop. Even the first exhibit, a small canvas called *Red Flowers*, suggests that certainty had not been fully achieved by 1961. The ubiquitous dots in the background are unevenly applied, freehand and sometimes smudged. As for the black contours running around petals, foliage and vase, they look crude compared with the bravura outlines deployed in *Whaam!*

The diffidence in *Red Flowers* is part of its charm now. But Lichtenstein must have been determined to banish any sign of hesitancy in his subsequent work. He also made sure that motifs as traditional as this flower-piece gave way to more mundane, provocative subjects.

Although the yellow pyramidal form in *Baked Potato* may bear an initial resemblance to Cézanne's Mont Saint-Victoire, it soon becomes recognisable as a banal knob of butter melting in the jacket. And by the time he painted *Mustard on White* in 1963, the entire presentation had grown more blatant.

> 'Lichtenstein is a Grand Old Man in American painting. We can hardly imagine how debased his art once seemed'

The dots are now faultlessly regimented as they spread across the tipped-up plate. They even flash wittily across the knife-blade wielded by the woman with pointed finger-nails. The whole painting is impeccably stylish, and Lichtenstein enlivens the rubbery heap of mustard with white, wavey highlights dancing across its surface.

If he was aware of any internal conflict between his espousal of Pop and his previous involvement with the School of Paris, he certainly did not show it. But the *Eddie Diptych* does dramatise a struggle in the flaxen-haired daughter's mind, between "Mom and Dad's viewpoint" and her own infatuation with Eddie.

The main image shows the girl fiercely rejecting her mother, as she stares out at us with an expression resolute enough to confirm that her heart has been won by teenage romance. From now on, Lichtenstein's energies were likewise devoted to the style he had developed with comic-books' liberating help.

Whaam! marks the moment when he celebrated his new-found language on the most flamboyant scale imaginable. The flames erupting from the enemy plane are a *tour de force*, showing Lichtenstein's flair as an effervescent manipulator of line.

But the painting's meaning remains elusive. On one level, *Whaam!* appears to revel in the adrenalin-inducing thrill of the kill. It seems to endorse the idea of war as a gung-ho adventure, with America as the Commie-bashing victor. On a quite different level, though, the painting's child-like refusal to confront the bitter reality of battle and death is ironically exposed.

Lichtenstein must have seen enough gruesome warfare, serving with the US Army in Europe during the 1940s, to know that *Whaam!* promotes a callow fantasy far removed from tragic fact. He also realised, however, that the fantasy was very potent, and his adroitly marshalled painting is alive with the disconcerting glamour of destruction.

His underlying attitude is no easier to pin down in the sequence based on heroic giants of modernism. Mondrian and Picasso were subjected to the Lichtenstein treatment as early as 1964, while his involvement with Pop subjects was still intense.

Are these pictures affectionate homages to De Stijl and Cubism, or distancing devices intended to prove that even the most revolutionary moments in 20th-century art have been tamed by mass reproduction? The screening dots applied to a large rectangle in the Mondrian, and several forms running through the Picasso, imply that both paintings are more familiar as postcards or glossy illustrations than as original works of art.

From then on, no modern movement was safe from Lichtenstein's omnivorous gaze. Art Deco, Purism, Futurism and Surrealism, all of them fell prey to his passion for crisp, simplifying reinterpretation. At times he would break off, however, and produce a more personal, enigmatic series, such as the tantalising *Mirror* paintings of 1970, which were animated by shimmering shafts of light rather than identifiable reflections.

But the preoccupation with cannibalising past styles in art soon returned, eventually generating the suspicion that Lichtenstein was now indulging in nostalgia for early modernism's pioneering spirit.

However handsomely organised later canvases like *Purist Painting with Bottle* may appear, they lack his earlier sense of vigorous engagement with contemporary life. After a while the incessant quotations from other painters become mannered and tedious, the work of an artist who has retreated into history.

At some point, Lichtenstein lost his appetite for everyday urban existence. In his Pop heyday, he was capable of taking even the most quotidian subject and transforming it with a clear-cut grandeur worthy of Léger. But in recent years he is more likely to produce a variation on one of Léger's own paintings.

Only the final exhibit hints at a return to his old obsessions. Donald Duck bursts through a maze of confusing reflections, as if to insist on the importance of zest, wit and optimism. But his eyes have turned into dollar signs, and he seems nothing more than a standardised, sure-fire generator of mega-profits in a world Lichtenstein would now prefer to avoid.

● Roy Lichtenstein *continues at the Tate Gallery Liverpool, Albert Dock Liverpool L3 4BB (051-709 0507) until April 18. Tues - Sun 10am-6pm. Closed Mon. Admission £1, concessions 50p: Family ticket £2.*

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TELEVISION REVIEW: a new series about our prisons by Roger Graef, maker of the revelatory *Police*

No way out if everybody is backing into a corner

Turning the Screw
Channel 4

Ten years ago Roger Graef's probing camera set new standards for television documentaries with a compelling *Police* series based in Thames Valley. Graef put aside any attempt at replicating Hollywood crime fiction or jolly Dixon of Dock Green in real life. Instead of being beguiled by the traditional images of crime, crime busters and villains he focused on the inner workings of a police force and its staff. The frank, fly-on-the-wall techniques uncovered the inadequacy of police handling of rape victims, leading to a revolution in police work which is still rippling through the service.

The success of *Police* in unlocking the door on a previously taboo area — taboo as far as the police were concerned — encouraged a whole generation of documentaries in which cameras have followed murder detectives, Customs investigators and Scotland Yard's flying squad officers, talked to convicted murderers in their cells and visited Broadmoor. The great estates of the barons of law and order are no longer surrounded by barbed wire.

One of them is the prison service where prison officers, the Home Office and managers continue to battle over possession. Last night the first of three parts of Graef's latest offering, *Turning the Screw*, watched Wandsworth prison as officers and the governors squared up to each other over reform.

In Wandsworth, now 140 years old, the prisoners get one shower and one change of clothes a week, the workshops and hospital wards are closed and the men are in their cells for up to 23 hours a day. Someone describes it as a "national sin bin." Just getting out of the cells to go to the toilet can lead to a violent confrontation. The governor wants to increase the amount of free time the prisoners get out of their cells by changing working patterns. The prison officers argue what is needed is more manpower.

At the core of the growing dispute is a mere three-and-a-half-hours extra time for prisoners out of cells per week. Graef lingers too long on the tedium of a low-intensity confrontation which sounds so much like one of those traditional industrial disputes which beggared prosperity in the 1960s or 1970s.

Certainly a veteran of oldtime trade union affairs would be perfectly at home in the scenario unveiling before the camera. There is the tough managing director keen on change, the smooth deputy and the personnel officer trying to maintain a dialogue between the sides. The opponents are officials from one of the smallest but strongest unions left in the country.

There is a danger the viewer will be lost in the miasma of officialese but the stakes are high. The prison officers claim that they will be overstretched and could well face another Strangeways-like riot, while the governor maintains that in the 1990s it is time the prisoners got out of their cells.

Whatever next?, exclaims one of the prison officers: the prisoners will start demanding the time as a right. There is nothing in it for us, cries another. In the governor's office they believe the men are simply afraid of having to confront their charges more directly. Be diplomatic today, one of the staff advises the governor, a man who acknowledges that he has a short fuse.

While the combatants circle each other the camera roams, offering shots of broken toilets. The microphone picks up the constant drip of broken pipes and the prisoners call to each other in the twilight.

Graef offers no shattering revelations this time but tells a story of decay, inertia and fear which explains a great deal about why so many of Britain's prisons have yet to break out of the last century.

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DON PASQUALE. Patrick Mason's jolly production of Donizetti's comedy comes to English National Opera with Andrew Shore in the title role. Rosemary Joshua as Norina, Adrian Martin as Ernesto, and Alan Opie as Malatesta. Andrew Greenwood conducts. **Coliseum**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161), tonight, 7.30pm

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SIMPLES OF THE MOON Fascinating new play by Rosalind Scanlon on the tragic life of James Joyce's daughter Lucia who died in 1982 having spent the last days of her life in a mental home in Northampton. Good central performance by Debra Beaumont as the young Lucia looking back on her life, the roaring Twenties and her father's overshadowing presence. Astrid Hilne directs. **Lyric Studio Hammersmith**, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Tonight, tomorrow, 8pm, mat tomorrow, 4.30pm. Final performances

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WEEKEND EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

NASH ENSEMBLE. Sergei Leiferkus replaces Philip Langridge in a programme of Prokofiev (Ballada for cello and piano; *Three Pushkin Songs* Nos 1 and 3, Five Melodies) and Tchaikovsky (Songs with Piano Nos 1, 2, 4, 6, Piano Trio in A). **Wigmore Hall**, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141), tomorrow, 7.30pm

KATIA AND MARIELLE LABEQUE An all-Spanish programme includes Ravel's *Ma Mère l'Oye* and *Rhapsodie espagnole*, Albeniz's *Triana* and *Navarra*, De Falla's *Deux danses espagnoles* and Enfante's *Tres Danzas Andaluzas*. **Barbican Hall**, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891), Sun, 4pm

SPRING LOADED. London's festival of contemporary dance continues with **Small Axe**, a choreographic partnership involving former Rambert dancers. The group presents *From New Malden to Upminster*, combining improvisation and structured choreography with the jazz of Miles Davis and words of Ghanaian poet Doris Tettey. **The Place**, 17 Duke's Road, WC1 (071-387 0031), tonight, tomorrow, 8pm.

REGIONAL

BIRMINGHAM Fine central performance by Gillian Hanna in **Big Maggie**: John B. Keane's marvellous creation of a rural Irish matriarch, written in 1969 and now receiving its first major British staging. **Repertory Theatre**, Centenary Square (021-236 4455). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs (Feb 25), 2.30pm, today, 3pm, until February 27

BRIGHTON: Howard Shelley conducts the renowned **London Mozart Players** in an appealingly wide-ranging programme of Prokofiev's Classical Symphony, Bizet's Symphony in C, Fauré's *Pavane* and Mozart's Piano Concerto No 21. **Dome**, 29 New Road, Brighton (0273 674357), Sun, 2.45pm

CARDIFF: Yannis Kokkos's disappointing new staging of *Tristan und Isolde* for **Welsh National Opera** (a co-production with Scottish Opera) is compensated by the energetic and fiery playing from the orchestra under Sir Charles Mackerras. Jeffrey Lawton and Anne Evans sing the title roles. **New Theatre**, Park Place (0222 394844), tomorrow, 5pm.

ILFORD: **Courtney Pine**, a steadfast figure on the jazz circuit who contributed much to bring about the British jazz revival, is an impressive, technically brilliant saxophonist, with a heavily Coltrane-influenced tone. His latest album is *To The Eyes of Creation*. **The Island**, 300-310 Ilford High Road (081-514 4400), tonight, 7.30pm.

NOTTINGHAM: Alan Bleasdale's latest dark comedy **On the Ledge** is set on the roofs and ledges of a tower block to which his fraught characters cling. The production receives its world premiere in Nottingham before opening at the National in April. **Playhouse**, Wellington Circus (0602 419419). From tonight, 7.30pm, Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat (Mar 13), 2.30pm.

OXFORD **The BBC Symphony Orchestra** performs a Romantic programme including Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony, Vaughan Williams's Thomas Tallis Fantasia and Ravel's *La Valse*. Eduardo Mata conducts. **Sheldonian Theatre**, Broad Street (0865 864056), tomorrow, 8pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **ARTISTS AND ADMIRERS** Ostrovsky's sharp, affectionate picture of a theatrical anthill in Russia circa 1860. Lively performances. **The Pit**, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 150mins

◪ **LE CIRQUE INVISIBLE** Victoria Chaplin and Jean Baptiste Thierrée return with their troupe of acrobats, clowns and other performers in an entirely engaging new family show. **Riverside Studios**, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. 120mins

◪ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC.** Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate. **Theatre Royal**, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.30pm. 180mins.

☐ **ENNIO MARCHETTO** The master of quick-change origami cabaret, with impressions from Mona Lisa to Madonna and everyone in between. **Whitehall**, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 6pm and 9pm, mat Thurs, 4pm. 120mins

☐ **ENTERTAINING MR SLOANE** Brisk, pointed revival of Orton's first success, with Janet Dale and Ian Gelder as a sublimely amoral brother-and-sister team. **Greenwich**, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins

■ **THE GAME OF LOVE AND CHANCE.** Energetic update of Marivaux's role-swapping comedy mistakenly played for farce. **National (Cottesloe)**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.30pm. 140mins

☐ **HAY FEVER** Very funny performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's excellent comedy. **Albery**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins

◪ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND** Anna Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Martin Shaw in Wilde's "insider dealing" melodrama. Some dated assumptions but stylishly done.

Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mins

■ **THE INVISIBLE MAN.** Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul Kiev's magic tricks are amazing. **Vaudeville**, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins

◪ **KING LEAR.** Solid, respectable performance by Tom Wilkinson in a low-powered staging by Max Stafford-Clark. With Saskia Reeves, Hugh Ross. **Royal Court**, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 195mins

☐ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN** Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical. It coarsens the values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita Rivera makes a striking vamp. **Shaftesbury**, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 180mins

☐ **LOST IN YONKERS** Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. With Maureen Lipman. **Strand**, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

◪ **MISERY** Nonsensical but chilling production of Stephen King's thriller. **Criterion**, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins

◪ **NO MAN'S LAND:** Paul Eddington and the author in tense, sharply comic Pinter. Riveting stuff. **Comedy**, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins

◪ **OUR SONG** Peter O'Toole in Keith Waterhouse's play about a menopausal male's infatuation with a young woman. Neatly done though we only hear the man's point of view. **Apollo**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8.15pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm. 135mins

■ **RICHARD III.** Ciaran Hinds gives his final performances in Sam Mendes's memorable RSC production. **Donmar Warehouse**, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2pm. 195mins. Final week.

☐ **ROBIN — PRINCE OF SHERWOOD:** Over-loud, ridiculous musical. **Piccadilly**, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, Sun, 3pm. 140mins

☐ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT:** William Gaunt, John Wells, Richard Kane, Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's marvellous adaptation of Graham Greene's novel. **Wyndham's**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins

☐ **THE TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA:** David Thacker's winning revival, Thirties style, both comic and romantic, delightfully acted — not least by a reproachful mutt. **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 150mins.

LONG RUNNERS. ☐ **Blood Brothers**. Phoenix (071-867 1044) ■ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) .. ■ **Cats** New London (071-405 0072) . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) . ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe** Lyric (071-494 5045) ◪ **It Runs in the Family** Playhouse (071-839 4401) . ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** Palladium (071-494 5037) ■ **Les Misérables** Palace (071-434 0909) ■ **Miss Saigon** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) .. ◪ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) .. ■ **The Phantom of the Opera** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . ■ **Starlight Express**. Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ◪ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

Ticket information from Society of West End Theatre.

NEW RELEASES

BAD LIEUTENANT (18). Forceful, uncomfortable study of a depraved New York cop hooked on drugs and alcohol from director Abel Ferrara. Astonishing performance by Harvey Keitel. **Odeon Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520).

◆ **HELLRAISER III: HELL ON EARTH** (18). Clive Barker's Pinhead monster returns for more bizarre carnage. Director, Anthony Hickox. **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THE LAST DAYS OF CHEZ NOUS (15): An eccentric Sydney household unravels over one hot summer. Uneven feminist drama from director Gillian Armstrong. With Lisa Harrow, Kerry Fox, Bruno Ganz. **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **Metro** (071-437 0757)

MEAN STREETS (18): Scorsese's breakthrough film of 1973 still roars with life. Harvey Keitel and Robert De Niro play hoods and wastrels from New York's Little Italy. **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **MGM Panton Street** (071-930 0631).

◆ **A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT** (PG): Robert Redford's hymn to family, nature and fly fishing. Beautifully mounted, but lacking punch. With Craig Sheffer, Brad Pitt, Tom Skerritt. **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

CURRENT

◆ **BRAM STOKER'S DRACULA** (18): Gary Oldman as the Transylvanian legend, preying on Victorian London. Visually audacious, but cold to the touch. Francis Coppola directs. With Keanu Reeves, Winona Ryder. **Barbican** (071-638 8891) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **DAMAGE** (18). MP Jeremy Irons pursues destructive affair with his own son's fiancée (Juliette Binoche). Riveting version of Josephine Hart's novel, coolly directed by Louis Malle. **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805) **Empire** (071-497 9999) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772)

◆ **HONEY, I BLEW UP THE KID** (U): Amiable, inoffensive *I Shrunk the Kids* sequel, with Rick Moranis as the accident-prone dad with a 100-feet-tall tot who heads for Las Vegas. Director, Randal Kleiser. **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THE LIVING END (18) HIV-positive road movie from American independent Gregg Araki. Insolent and powerful. With Mike Dytri and Craig Gilmore. **MGM Piccadilly** (071-437 3561) **Everyman** (071-435 1525)

OLIVIER OLIVIER (15). Teenager missing for six years returns home, but is it him? Fascinating story, but prosaic treatment by director Agnieszka Holland. **MGM Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470).

SHADOWS AND FOG (15). Woody Allen's technically dazzling but indulgent homage to German Expressionist cinema. With Mia Farrow, John Malkovich, and, very briefly, Madonna. **Lumière** (071-836 0691)

SHERLOCK JUNIOR (U). Projectionist Buster Keaton dreams himself into the film being screened. Gloriously inventive silent comedy (1924), revived in a sepia print. **Barbican** (071-638 8891).

A WINTER'S TALE (12): A Paris hairdresser's quest for true love. Eric Rohmer near his best: elegant, clear-eyed, realistic. A film laced with magic. Stars Charlotte Véry. **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

DANCE: English National Ballet's Bolshoi-style *Swan Lake* and The Royal Ballet's *Firebird*

True to Tchaikovsky's spirit

Swan Lake
Mayflower, Southampton

ENGLISH National Ballet will not let us overlook the centenary of Tchaikovsky's death. Their year began and will presumably end with his *Nutcracker*; now they are giving a new *Swan Lake*, with *The Sleeping Beauty* to follow in the autumn. But a hundred years away from the composer is only three generations of dancers. Pavel Gerdt was Siegfried in the definitive 1895 St Petersburg production of *Swan Lake*; his daughter and pupil Elisaveta was the teacher of Raissa Struchkova, who has staged ENB's new production.

This is ENB's seventh version of the ballet in about 30 years, and seems likely to prove more durable than its predecessors, being based on one that has already stood the test of time, namely the version Struchkova danced with the Bolshoi Ballet in choreography by Alexander Gorsky (Acts I-III) and Asaf Messerer (Act IV).

True, the dances for the swans are less subtle and lyrical than the Ivanov choreography preserved by the Royal Ballet, and the happy ending required by Soviet ideology — Odette alive at the end in a blaze of sunshine — jars with the romantically tragic intentions of the ballet's authors. And it would be silly to pretend that ENB dance it with anything like the passion and commitment the Bolshoi used once to show. But it is all of a piece, offering an historically valid alternative reading, and Struchkova shows more understanding of proper courtly behaviour than Dowell's Covent Garden version.

She has had to make do, times being hard, with the Carl Toms designs left over from John Field's short-lived 1983 staging. They are drab but serviceable, although the steep staircase causes some hectic entrances in Act I, and Rothbart desperately needs a new costume, with a wing that Siegfried can tear off in their final struggle.

The national dances, thanks be, are back in the ballroom scene, well produced by Struchkova's assistant Alla Boguslavskaya. The Spaniards could do with more flexible bodies, sharper footwork and smarter footwear, but the lively Neapolitan couple (Alice Crawford and Eugenio Scigliano), although shorn of their companions, do notably well.

The benefit of having Struchkova and Boguslavskaya to work with the company showed chiefly, at Wednesday's premiere, in the dancing of the corps de ballet. They are not the most cohesive ensemble we have seen (one of the three leading swans, for instance, consistently kicked her leg far higher than the others), nor the most expressive, but they look in good spirit.

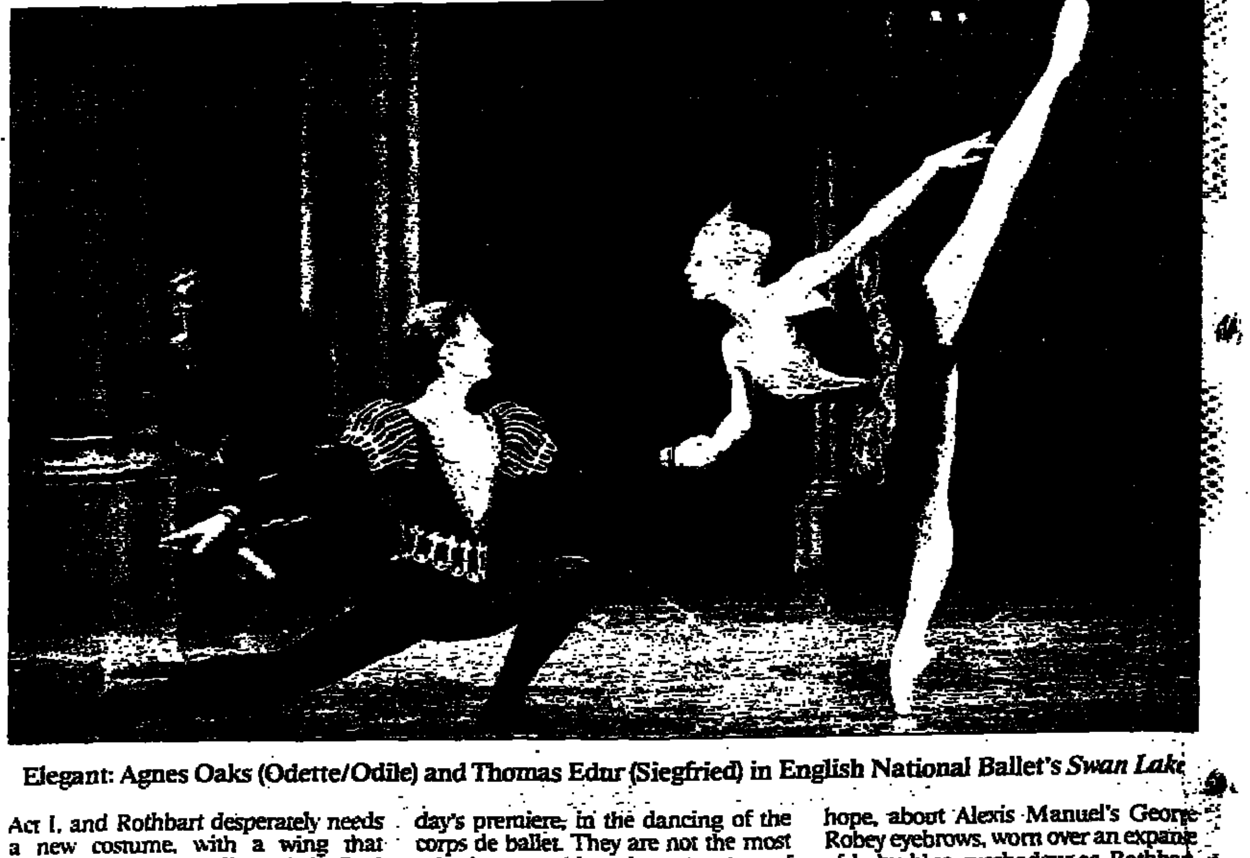
Agnes Oaks and Thomas Edur were the first of several couples who will dance the leads. Their Estonian training and early experience make them apt for the Russian style Struchkova wants, and their dancing is elegant throughout, but more dramatic force and emotional depth would be welcome.

Something can be done quickly, I hope, about Alexis Manuel's George Robey eyebrows, worn over an expanse of baby blue eyeshadow as Rothbart, but to reinforce his lightweight personality in the role may be more difficult. Josephine Jewkes and Irina Roncaglia danced prettily in the pas de trois. Parren Higgins is bouncy and not excessively coy as the foolishly superfluous jester imposed by Gorsky.

The ENB orchestra under Graham Bond played acceptably; good to see the violin and cello soloists (Barry Wilde and Gary Stevens) credited. Other companies should copy.

JOHN PERCIVAL

BILL COOPER



Elegant: Agnes Oaks (Odette/Odile) and Thomas Edur (Siegfried) in English National Ballet's *Swan Lake*

Bringing back the fire

IT IS always a pleasure to see Fokine's **The Firebird**, with its glorious designs and Russian folklore, back in the Royal Ballet repertoire at the Royal Opera House. At least the bomb-hoaxers whose phone calls interrupted Wednesday's performance had the taste to wait until that ballet was over and the interval started. Their nasty little "bloodbath" warning had everyone piling into the streets for 40 minutes, drinks still in hand, dancers still in costume. But, as in *The Firebird*, good overcame evil and the company resumed its unfinished business with Bintley's *Tombeaux* and Forsythe's *In the middle, somewhat elevated*.

Stravinsky may later have sneered at the so-called musical derivativeness of *The Firebird*, his first ballet score: yet what a terrific overture. Its *frisson* of mysteriousness, dark and expansive, may have seemed even more atmospheric under Bernard Haitink's baton a few years back, but Barry Wordsworth did not do so badly, either.

The company's guest ballerina, Nina Ananiashvili, only just recovered from an injury, made her debut as the Firebird, opposite Stuart Cassidy's own debut as Ivan Tsarevich, her captor. Slender and quicksilver, her orange-red tutu and a feathered head-dress flickered like flames with her darting jetés and abrupt changes of direction. She used her huge dark eyes eloquently: she looked fragile and poignant.

Fiona Chadwick, at a previous performance, had seemed less fleet, but her interpretation had also contained a sense of burning pride. She had suggested a creature unfettered by common laws of gravity, which ultimately had made her subjugation all the more affecting.

Cassidy created curiously little impact, despite the advantage of a vivid face: a characteristic shared with Chadwick's partner, Adam Cooper (another debut), whose emphatic outlines satisfyingly depicted an old-fashioned picture-book hero. Derek Rencher's Kostcheï, the grizzled old hunch-backed monster in need of a good manicure, was short-sighted as well, using his appalling claws to clear the way before him; but I preferred David Drew's less cluttered, more powerful portrayal in the Chadwick-Cooper performance. I would also prefer to see more verve, less Englishness, in the assembled folk-dancing lines of Kostcheï's attendants.

Sue MacLennan may not be as old as *The Firebird*, but she is becoming something of a veteran amid the extreme youth of independent dance practitioners. She has well-respected work under her belt, which made all the more disappointing her double bill, *Spontaneous Combustion*, presented in The Place's gallant "Spring Loaded" season.

Catching Light, the opening improvisatory piece, did not differ greatly from the set choreography of *The Heat Exchange* which followed, except that Andrew Fifield's set was more elaborate.

MacLennan showed visual flair in combining people and design, with figures emerging from, slotting through and clambering up square-shaped structures like children in an adventure playground. It all served, though, a long-winded and esoteric purpose, besides seeming depressingly old-fashioned in its vocabulary and the irritating plinks, plonks and rattles of Robert Worby's music.

NADINE MEISNER

THEATRE: **Jeremy Kingston** admires a performance but the writing less so

Anxiety without adequate cause



Debbie Isitt and Mark Kilmurry in Isitt's *Out of the Ordinary*

Out of the Ordinary
Royal Court,
Theatre Upstairs

IN DEBBIE Isitt's latest play for the Snarling Beasties company, she plays Betty, a woman who is far from happy. "Every silver lining has a cloud," encapsulates her philosophy, though the remark comes across as a legitimate riposte to her tirelessly optimistic mate, Brian, played by the company's co-founder, Mark Kilmurry.

When first seen, at four in the morning, she is frantically bunny-hopping at the foot of their bed, trying to distract her attention from some inner demon. She will not be consoled by Brian's offers of help. If he rubs her back she complains that he is too close; if he moves away, he is ignoring her; when he returns he is only doing so out of guilt. If again he moves away, this confirms his selfishness. He can do no right. Heads, he is unfeeling; tails, she feels unfelt for.

Isitt's plays have explored a remarkable range of the discontents that gouge out the heart of partnerships between men and women. Here, the matter is agoraphobia. Betty is afraid to leave the room. She might be murdered: the shop assistants in Boots look at her oddly; other people's wallpaper scares her. But linked to these fears are a number of others that do not seem to tie in, and become even more of a puzzle when Brian's departure leads to a swift recovery.

What are we then to make of her anguish at flying, the dread of becoming old and solitary, the childhood belief that every creaking stair is a burglar on the prowl? Even before we learn that Brian is the weaker vessel — which we should have guessed since Isitt's men have always been spineless — Betty's agoraphobia does not feel altogether right.

The physical behaviour Isitt suggests convincingly — slumped in a chair endlessly watching *Rebecca* (she is writing a critical study of Hitchcock), or restlessly exercising. The essence of conscious command losing out to unconscious alarm shows itself in the repeated attempts to reach the door. Her disconsolate wail and torrents of complaint are dramatically contrasted with the bright 'n' breezy message left on her answering-machine in happier days. Yet something is wrong, and this is the result of holding back on the characterisation of Brian.

Admittedly, the positive side of this reticence is a tingling excitement at the prospect, surely due any minute, of Brian's "nice guy" patience snapping and all hell breaking loose between them. In retrospect, Betty's constant goading, some of which is grimly funny, has presumably been an attempt to provoke this crisis, but when the climax comes the psychology is really too simple. Good, nonetheless, to see two performers acting with every move, every limb, every twitching stomach muscle.

ENTERTAINMENTS

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CINEMAS

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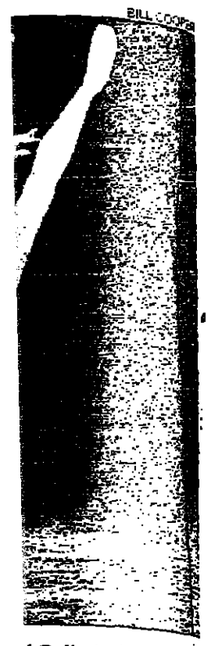
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LITERATURE: **Anne McElvoy** on East German writers' contacts with the secret police





The melancholy Christa Wolf and the maverick Heiner Müller: leading figures in East German literature who seemed to embody courage and integrity, until their links with the Stasi were revealed

Collaborators behind the lines?

Once upon a time in an unhappy country behind a high wall there were two literary figures who seemed to embody courage and integrity when they, like a lot of other commodities, were in short supply. The first was Christa Wolf, a quietly engaging novelist who charted the decline of an ideal in fine, melancholy prose and the effect of that disillusionment on her countrymen. The other was Heiner Müller, an ill-socialised, heavy-drinking maverick who produced disturbing post-modernist plays about the senselessness of history enlivened by linguistic brilliance, bizarre stagecraft and a hangman's sense of humour.

The Berlin Wall and the East German state have crumbled to dust, leaving the entrails of its regime exposed to the scrutiny of the file-combers who have since meted out moral verdicts of a thoroughness most of us are spared until the Day of Judgment. Thus it has emerged that both Wolf and Müller, the beauty and the beast of the East's literati, were classified as informers to the Stasi security service.

Müller's file was leaked to the press last month prompting Wolf, currently in self-imposed exile at the Getty Institute in California, to own up herself to a brief period of collusion between 1959-62 when she was in her early thirties.

The Wolf-Müller revelations have shaken a society which seemed to have developed immunity to shock after two years of forced confrontation with the omnipresence of the Stasi. Both were household names outside the reading and theatre-going classes. Both were highly rated in the West, which in a country possessed of a vast inferiority complex was of particular significance. Both had called for reform at the key demonstration in East Berlin which hastened the regime's collapse and that of the Wall five days later.

The Stasi file held on Wolf contained 42 volumes. Her influence in the peace and ecology movement and the help she gave young writers in trouble worried them. In 1990 she published *What Remains* (published in English by Virago this spring) chronicling her own experience of being under surveillance.

How then to greet the news that she had once been an informant herself? The initial response was disbelief followed by bitter disappointment. They are responses that I share. I have exchanged letters with her for some years. Her work absorbed me at university and I was a neighbour in the Pankow suburb of East Berlin. To see her familiar neat handwriting in an informant's file, and discover that she chose for herself the pseudonym Margarete — what chilling reverberations, from Gretchen in Goethe's *Faust* to the golden-haired Germania figure in Celan's *Death Fugue* — under which to pass on information about colleagues to the men in leather jackets was distressing.

It is not so much the collusion which bothers her admirers but her hesitancy in admitting to it. Once again, Germany is faced with the divergence of literature and morality. The Brecht syndrome of a good poet appended to a weak character troubles a country which in the postwar years has elevated its writers to the role of high priests, in which the judgment of literature has been coupled to moral approbation. Perhaps fear of the loss of such admiration was one reason Wolf kept her secret.

> 'Germany is faced with the divergence of literature and morality'

Then there is the matter of how we should read the work of writers who have suppressed a significant truth about their experience. One of the most powerful themes of Wolf's writing is the individual's fear of his or her own subjectivity. "The difficulty," as she wrote in *The Quest for Christa T*, "of saying I." She wove the tale of her own life, *A Model Childhood*, around the task of excavating memory, and the need to confront the past in order to understand the present, but was unable to plumb the darker reaches of her own memory. Are these sentiments rendered less credible because of the revelation of her own fallibility in this area or more so in that they fill in the subconscious background to much of her writing: the use of pseudonyms for characters, the tentative tone of exposition, the agonised dissections of the self in which her characters engage?

Interviewed in Los Angeles last week, she said that her co-operation stemmed from the "dogmatic and uncritical beliefs of the time [the Cold War] from which I freed myself only slowly". She admits that she suppressed this period as her recognition of the flaws in state socialism grew throughout the Sixties. "There was a shame-hurdle and it was very high," she says. "A classic process of self-suppression was at work inside me."

These psychological mechanisms were accompanied by a resistance common among the East German intelligensia to the high-handedness of West Germany's reckoning with her country and its legacy. "There is less and less opportunity for honest and complete discussion of the past. The old German tendency towards self-righteousness, towards mercilessness in dealing with opponents, the bigoted demand for the fulfilment of an abstract and rigorous moral code — always directed at someone else — is manifesting itself." She does not deny that the result has often been "infantile or evasive reactions" on the part of the judged.

Indeed the discussion on her own case has run on predictable lines. West Germany's conservative critics like the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung's* critical doyen Marcel Reich-Ranicki adopt a judgmental tone: "Courage and firmness of character are not the outstanding hallmarks of the esteemed author Christa Wolf."

Batting defensively for the East, Klaus Kreimeier in *Freitag* counters that the current hysteria is a product of "an undifferentiating TV-culture in which aesthetic, morality, political exigency and gossip set the parameters of discussion."

Müller is a very different case, the comic counterpoint to the tragic fall of Wolf. He invokes the post-modernist get-out clause for collusion saying that as a playwright he was entitled to "treat everything as material" and denying that merely talking to the Stasi is a subject on which moral pronouncements can be made at all: "There were hundreds of good, bad and indifferent reasons for doing it."

This may be an evasion but it does contain the germ of an idea which should exercise those who sit in judgment: how "guilty" is someone who chats with oppressors and what are the degrees of blame to be attached to differing motives — naïve dogmatism in Wolf's case, a desire to play games with his political environment in Müller's?

He is unrepentant. But she, toppled from the pedestal onto which she was hoisted by a public desperate for honesty in a world of lies, has become the victim of one of her own maxims: "The past is not dead. It is not even past. It is we who cut ourselves off from it and pretend we do not know it."

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In with a small chance

AMID all the attention focused on the British contenders for Oscars — with *Howards End* and *The Crying Game* picking up 15 nominations between them — one small item went unnoticed. Kenneth Branagh's film, *Swan Song*, has been nominated in the Best Short Film category. The film is a 25-minute adaptation of the Chekhov playlet and features Sir John Gielgud as a melancholic aging actor who, long after the theatre housing his latest play has closed for the night, wanders onto the stage to relive his great thespian past.

Swan Song is not Branagh's first Oscar nomination: his 1989 film, *Henry V*, was nominated for three Oscars, including Best Actor (Branagh) and Best Director (Branagh again). It eventually picked up an award for costume designer Phyllis Dalton.

● THE Theatres Trust, the body which exists to promote the protection of theatres, has recommended approval of the Royal Opera House plans to develop the James Street corner in Covent Garden. The trust, asked for an opinion by the ROH, says its main concern is that stage, equipment and servicing are urgently updated. The controversial development plans are seen as opening the way for these crucial improvements. However, the trust questions "whether and when" the project will be completed. And it urges the ROH not to trim the scheme further: "It would be absurdly wasteful to whittle away quality of provision in the name of economy... the Trust regards the funding and completion of a first-class scheme as the only sensible way forward."

On a serious note

DUDLEY Moore, once an Oxford organ scholar, makes a rare return to Britain as a serious concert musician on April 5. Moore will be the soloist at the Festival Hall, playing a Mozart piano concerto and Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* with the London Schools Symphony Orchestra. The concert raises money for Action Research and the Foundation for Young Musicians.

Last chance...

MEMORIES of the imperturbable and much-missed Zoot Sims are evoked by the playing of Spike Robinson, the American tenor saxophonist whose residency at Ronnie Scott's Club, London W1 (071-439 0747) ends tomorrow. Robinson, who made his first records more than 40 years ago, spent the following decades playing occasional jazz gigs while making a steady living in engineering: he finally returned to music full-time in the 1980s. At Ronnie Scott's Robinson appears on the same bill as the cool young singer Claire Martin, one of the outstanding British prospects for the Nineties.

ROCK: **David Sinclair** talks to harmonica player Jerry Portnoy, a key member of Eric Clapton's new band

No complaints about playing the blues

Eric Clapton is the most revered English guitarist in the history of rock. But although it is his name on the £22 tickets, Clapton will not be alone when he takes the stage tomorrow for the first of 12 shows at the Albert Hall. For nearly three weeks beforehand, in a secret location just outside London, a crack team of backing musicians has been rehearsing with Clapton, perfecting the arrangements and polishing the performances of the songs he will play.

This year's shows are given over exclusively to the blues, and this is reflected in Clapton's choice of a lean but stellar five-piece band, incorporating guitarist Andy Fairweather Low (formerly of Amen Corner, and a Clapton stalwart), bassist Donald "Duck" Dunn (of the original Blues Brothers and Booker T and the MGs), drummer Richie Hayward (of Little Feat) and keyboard player Chris Stainton (from Joe Cocker's band).

But no serious blues group is complete without its harmonica player, and setting the seal on this year's line-up is Jerry Portnoy, a veteran of Muddy Waters's band and a musician steeped in the authentic Chicago blues.

Portnoy was born in Chicago in 1943 and brought up in the vicinity of the Maxwell Street market, where his father owned a rug store. There, among the haggling customers and traders, many of the original blues players who had drifted to Chicago from the south would set up and play for whatever loose change was dropped at their feet.

Even so, it was only at the age of 25, and after failed attempts to master several other instruments, that Portnoy discovered his aptitude for playing the harmonica. Just five years after first picking up the instrument, he was off touring with Muddy Waters.

"For a harmonica player that was the top job in the world. He was a great band leader, the Duke Ellington of the blues in the sense that he turned out a lot of stars and a lot of band leaders and people who went on to make their own mark."

A supremely agile player, Portnoy has as his trademark an ability to balance passages that are light and filigreed against moments when he pushes down hard on the reed to produce a fiercely heavy tone. According to Portnoy, the popular and faintly disparaging view of the "humble" harmonica ignores the versatility of the instrument.



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Portnoy: "There are easier ways to earn a decent living"

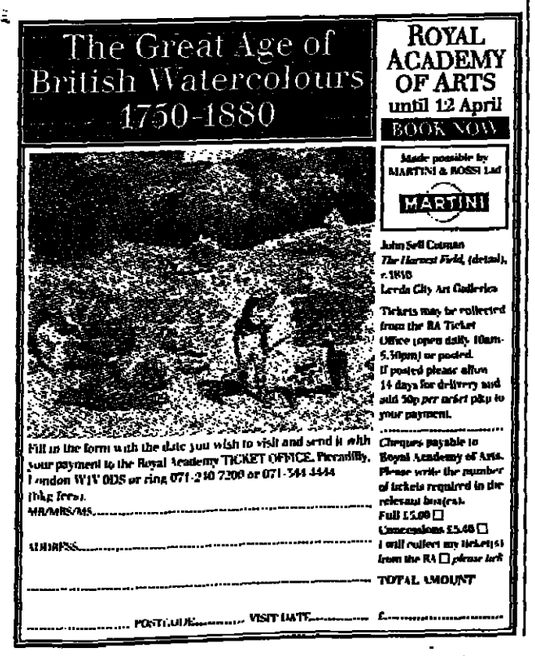
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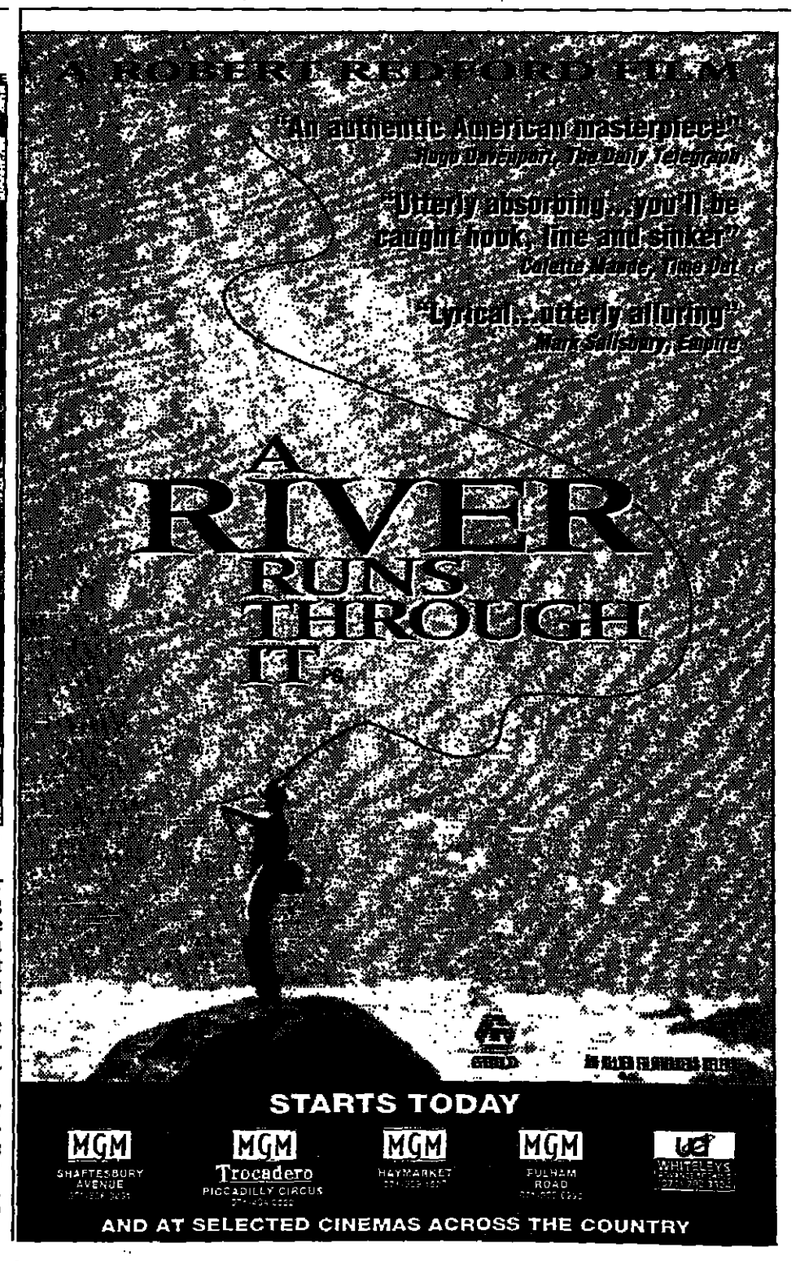
Portnoy moved to Boston in 1977, but continued working with Waters's band until 1980. It was during this period that Waters toured as support to Eric Clapton, and Portnoy first met his present employer.

As he says, "there are easier ways to make a decent living than by playing blues," but he is not surprised to find a superstar such as Clapton, at the peak of his career, going back to the basics.

"The blues is his source. He returns to the blues for regeneration. It is the primal wellspring of American music. Obviously his musical ability stretches beyond the boundaries of blues, but it is still his deepest source of inspiration."

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Options for change

Car manufacturers' new lease-style finance schemes are designed to benefit the motorist, writes **Vaughan Freeman**

A bewildering array of finance schemes have been launched recently as the leading motor manufacturers try to tempt car buyers with the promise of drastically-reduced costs.

The main cost problem when buying a new car is that you are buying a capital asset which depreciates very quickly. As soon as a £12,000 new car is driven out of the showroom, it is probably worth little more than £10,000. Within 12 months many new cars have lost one third, some as much as a half, of their value when new.

Edsel Ford, Henry Ford's great-grandson, who is in charge of Ford Credit, said earlier this year: "I don't see the point of using my capital to run a car which I am using for only part of any day and which I will change in a short time. It's time for motorists to pay only for what they use."

Rapid depreciation is one of the reasons why new car sales have slumped by 33 per cent in the past three years, while nearly new sales have soared. Motorists are looking to buy cars that are in good condition but on which somebody else has suffered the first year of depreciation, when the car's value falls fastest.

To counter this shift in sales, Ford has started a finance-leasing sales deal called Options. Vauxhall has followed suit with Choices 1-2-3, Mercedes-Benz has its Finance Mileage Contract, Rover has Select Finance, and Peugeot will soon unveil its Passport scheme.

The main selling point of such schemes is that they guarantee the new vehicles' resale value in two or three years' time, and so take an element of risk out of the car-buying equation. Monthly repayments are also lower. For instance, monthly payments under Options for a £7,000 Fiesta would be £143, against £187 per month with a Ford Low Rate Loan: total savings over the course of the Options agreement would be £1,056.

All the schemes have the same basic idea. A motorist chooses his car and settles on a purchase price. The average expected mileage during the two or three years before trade-in is then agreed with the dealer, and using this mileage calculation, the dealer calculates the car's eventual resale value.

The cost to the motorist financed by the manufacturer's loan is calculated as the difference between the agreed purchase price and the end value. At the end of the agreed time period, the motorist takes the car back to the dealer. Provided the dealer is happy with the mileage and the car's condition, the motorist then has three options: he can hand the vehicle back to the dealer and walk away; he can buy the car outright for the earlier agreed value; or he can use the vehicle at the agreed value as a deposit on a replacement.

In America, where such schemes account for the majority of car purchases, they are known as half-a-car leasing. David Thomas, a spokesman for Ford Finance, says: "In the old days, you put down your deposit on a hire purchase deal, which you paid off over three years. Then you put the car down as a deposit on another vehicle and the whole thing started over. You never actually owned the vehicle."

In addition to reducing costs, such schemes streamline the trade-in process. Customer and dealer know when the vehicle is coming to the end of a contract, so the dealership can line up a customer for a used two-year-old car and the motorist does not have to worry about getting rid of it.

The drawbacks include: penalties against the agreed resale value if the mileage is exceeded; not all models are eligible; deposits of about 20 per cent are expected; and the schemes do tend to tie motorists to one manufacturer.

Industry watchers have been impressed with such finance arrangements, and *What Car?* reports: "On the whole, Options-type schemes are very attractive for these recessionary times. We think these deals are going to change the face of car buying, and that should be good news for the consumer."



Driving force: the new, more sporty-styled C class range saloons must get Mercedes-Benz back on the road to sales dominance

Mercedes hopes C makes the grade

Mercedes-Benz is defending its business by launching a new, sporty-style of saloon to replace the aging 190 range

C stands for "Compact", as far as Mercedes-Benz's new class of saloon is concerned, *Vaughan Freeman writes.*

Launched as a replacement for the 190 range, against the background of a far-reaching reassessment of the German manufacturer's cars, image and pricing, the C class brings with it Mercedes' new determination to attract motorists seeking a more youthful, sporting image.

This has been an area traditionally occupied by its rivals, BMW, while Mercedes-Benz cars are seen as staid, if brilliantly-engineered. That BMW last year outsold Mercedes-Benz in Germany for the first time has much to do with Mercedes' change of emphasis.

Despite its compact tag, the C car is in fact an 1½in longer than the 190 it replaces. It measures 14ft 6in, and has more interior room. It is also wider and taller, has a driver-side airbag as standard, as well as anti-lock braking, power steering and central locking.

There will be a wider range of cars than that presently available within the 190 range. The C class will offer four levels of equipment specification — Base, Esprit, Elegance and Sport. The Sport will feature more supportive seats, lower suspension to give a tauter ride, and a different fascia panel.

The Esprit will be aimed at younger motorists with bright colours and a two-tone trim, while the wood and leather fittings will be reserved for the range-topping Elegance cars.

There will be more power on tap from a new 1.8-litre multi-valve engine which puts out 122bhp, compared with the 109bhp from the equivalent 190E power plant, and the C class's 2-litre will produce 136bhp, against the existing 2-litre cars' 122bhp.

There will also be 2.2-litre and 2.6-litre petrol versions and the introduction of multi-valve 2.2-litre and 2.5-litre diesel engines. Worries about diesel smoke will be countered with catalysts and gas recirculation features to make the cars as clean as they are economical.

The C class will be introduced to Britain this October, but it has an impressive act to follow. The 190 sold more than two million cars worldwide, with the British market accounting for 72,000 sales since the model was introduced in 1982.

At the time of the 190 launch, that sector of smaller-sized prestige saloons was itself a newly developing market. Since then, the industry has moved on, with leisure vehicles and small runs of niche cars for special interest motorists being the key to profitability and sales. Mercedes has found itself struggling.

Two weeks ago, Helmut Werner, who takes over as chief executive of Mercedes-Benz in May, admitted that the company's luxury cars were "over-engineered" and that there was a danger the company could be priced out of world markets if something was not done.

Prices of the C class have not yet been released, but hopes within Mercedes that the range will be priced within the 190 bracket of £17,000 to £26,000 must seem forlorn, at least in Britain, given the recent collapse of sterling against the mark.

Even so, Mercedes will launch itself into a whole new range of competitively-priced vehicles including city cars, leisure vehicles and people-carriers.

Hans Tauscher, the managing director of Mercedes-Benz UK, said last week: "We showed ten years ago with the 190 that we could successfully move into a completely new market. The idea now is to expand to meet more niches in the market. We will not neglect the traditional customer."

Mr Werner underlined his company's determination to ensure the laurels of the past do not become the funeral wreaths of the future. "No one in the world is prepared to pay for German complacency."

All of which may be good news for aspiring Mercedes-Benz owners who have so far been unable to afford the cars. It will do little to cheer Mercedes-Benz workers.

Last year, their output fell to 530,000 from a peak in 1987 of 600,000. This year, output is likely to fall to just over 500,000. The company ended 1992 with excess stocks of around 35,000 cars worldwide. This forced a cutback in production and the loss of 12,000 jobs, while a further 15,000 job cuts are expected over the next two years.

Small looks beautiful for BMW

BMW has set its sights on the mini-sized car market with a three seat car which, at 11ft long, is shorter than the Metro, VW Polo or Ford Fiesta.

Codenamed "Z13", the prototype will be unveiled at next week's Geneva motor show. It uses an 1100cc BMW motorcycle engine and is capable of 112mph. It is designed for town driving, but BMW says that there are no plans for production. But the last such non-production BMW prototype was the Z1 sportscar: 8,000 were sold.

High speed gas

☐ MAZDA is experimenting with natural gas to power its vehicles. A gas-powered car based on Mazda's 626 estate,



with four storage cylinders in a modified roof, is now able to travel more than 200 miles on a single fill-up, making it the longest range gas-powered vehicle in Japan.

Birth of a Legend

☐ THIS weekend, Honda takes the wraps off its new range of luxury Legend saloons and coupés. The Legend was first introduced in 1991 and, together with the Toyota Lexus, signalled Japanese manufacturers' move into larger-sized saloon ranges, traditionally dominated by Jaguar, BMW and Mercedes-Benz.

The 140mph Legend features a 3.2-litre 24-valve engine with air conditioning and anti-lock braking as standard. Prices are £29,000 for the saloon and £31,250 for the coupé.

House of Lords

Councils cannot sue in libel

Derbyshire County Council v Times Newspapers Ltd and Others

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Griffiths, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Woolf

[Speeches February 18]

It was of the highest public importance that a democratically elected governmental body should be open to uninhibited public criticism and since the threat of civil actions for defamation would place an undesirable fetter on the freedom of speech, it would be contrary to the public interest for institutions of central or local government to have any right at common law to maintain an action of damages for defamation.

The House of Lords so held in dismissing an appeal by Derbyshire County Council from the decision of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss) (*The Times* February 20, 1992; [1992] QB 770, 790) allowing an appeal by the defendants, Times Newspapers Ltd, Andrew Neil, editor of *The Sunday Times*, and Rosemary Collins and Peter Hounam, two of the newspaper's journalists, from the order of Mr Justice Morland (*The Times* April 8, 1991; [1992] QB 770) holding, on a preliminary issue, that the council could maintain a cause of action in libel against the defendants.

Mr Charles Gray, QC and Ms Heather Rogers for the council; Mr Anthony Lester, QC and Mr Desmond Browne, QC, for the defendants.

LORD KEITH said that the appeal raised, as a preliminary issue in an action of damages for libel, the question whether a local authority was entitled to maintain an action in libel for words which reflected on it in its governmental and administrative functions.

That was the way the preliminary point of law had been expressed in the order of the master but it had opened out into an investigation of whether a local authority could sue for libel at all.

Mr Justice Balcombe, giving the leading judgment in the Court of Appeal had summarised the facts thus: "In two issues of *The Sunday Times* ... there appeared articles concerning share deals involving the superannuation fund of the Derbyshire County Council.

"The articles in the issue of September 17 were headed 'Revealed: Socialist tycoons's deals with a Labour chief' and 'Bizarre deals of a council leader and the media tycoon': that in the issue of September 24 was headed 'Council share deals under scrutiny.' The council leader was Mr David Melvyn Bookbinder, the 'media tycoon' was Mr Owen Oyston.

"It is unnecessary for the purposes of this judgment to set out in any detail the content of these articles: it is sufficient to say that they question the propriety of certain investments made by the council of moneys in its superannuation fund, with Mr Bookbinder as the prime mover, in three deals with Mr Oyston or companies controlled by him."

Following the publication, actions of damages for libel were brought against the defendants by the council, Mr Bookbinder and Mr Oyston. Mr Oyston's action was settled by an apology and payment of damages and costs.

The statement of claim by the council asserted: "By reason of the words published ... the ... council has been injured in its credit and reputation and has been brought into public scandal, odium and contempt, and has suffered loss and damage."

There were only two reported cases in which an English local authority had sued for libel. The first was *Manchester Corporation v Williams* ([1891] 1 QB 94: 63 LT 805). The defendant had written a letter to a newspaper alleging that "in the case of two if not three departments of our Manchester City Council, bribery and corruption have existed and done their nefarious work".

A Divisional Court held that the statement of claim disclosed no cause of action. The *ratio* of the decision was that a corporation might sue for a libel affecting property, but not for one merely affecting personal reputation.

The second case involving proceedings by a local authority was *Bognor Regis UDC v Campion* ([1972] 2 QB 169). Mr Campion had distributed at a meeting of a ratepayers' association a leaflet savagely attacking the council, which sued him for libel. At the trial Mr Campion conducted his own case without the assistance of lawyers.

Mr Justice Browne had found in favour of the council and awarded damages of £2,000. He said: "Just as a trading company has a trading reputation which it is entitled to protect by bringing an action for defamation, so in my view the plaintiffs as a local government corporation have a 'governing' reputation which they are equally entitled to protect in the same way..."

It was clearly established that a trading corporation was entitled to sue in respect of defamatory matters which could be seen as having a tendency to damage it in the way of its business. Examples were those that went to credit such as might deter banks from lending to it, or to the conditions experienced by its employees, which might impede the recruitment of the best qualified workers, or make people reluctant to deal with it.

Similar considerations could no doubt be advanced in connection with the position of a local authority. Defamatory statements might make it more difficult to borrow or to attract suitable staff and thus affect adversely the efficient carrying out of its functions.

There were, however, features of a local authority which might be regarded as distinguishing it from other types of corporation, whether trading or non-trading. The most important of those features was that it was a governmental body. Further, it was a democratically elected body, the electoral process nowadays being conducted almost exclusively on party political lines.

It was of the highest public importance that a democratically elected governmental body, or indeed any governmental body, should be open to uninhibited public criticism. The threat of a civil action for defamation inevitably had to have an inhibiting effect on the freedom of speech.

In *City of Chicago v Tribune Co* ([1923] 139 NE 86) the Supreme Court of Illinois had held that the city could not maintain an action of damages for libel.

It was said: "The fundamental right of freedom of speech is involved in this litigation, and not merely the right of liberty of the press. If this action can be maintained against a newspaper it can be maintained against every private citizen who ventures to criticise the ministers who are temporarily conducting the affairs of his government...

"Every citizen has a right to criticise an inefficient or corrupt government without fear of civil as well as criminal prosecution. This absolute privilege is founded on the principle that it is advantageous for the public interest that the citizen should not be in any way fettered in his statements, and where the public service or due administration of justice is involved he shall have the right to speak his mind freely."

Those propositions were endorsed by the Supreme Court of the United States in *New York Times Co v Sullivan* ((1964) 376 US 254, 277).

While those decisions were related most directly to the provisions of the American Constitution concerned with securing freedom of speech, the public interest considerations which underlay them were no less valid in the United Kingdom.

What had been described as "the chilling effect" induced by the threat of civil actions for libel was very important. Quite often the facts which would justify a defamatory publication were known to be true, but admissible evidence capable of proving those facts was not available. That might prevent the publication of matters which it was very desirable to make public.

It was of some significance to observe that a number of departments of central government in the United Kingdom were statutorily created corporations, including the Secretaries of State for Defence, Education and Science, Energy, Environment and Social Services.

If a local authority could sue for libel there would appear to be no reason in logic for holding that any of those departments was not also entitled to sue.

But as was shown by *Attorney-general v Guardian Newspapers Ltd (No 2)* ([1990] 1 AC 109), a case concerned with confidentiality, there were rights available to private citizens which institutions of central government were not in a position to exercise unless they could show that it was in the public interest to do so.

The same applied to local authorities. It was right for the House to lay down that not only was there no public interest favouring the right of organs of government, whether central or local, to sue for libel, but that it was contrary to the public interest that they should have it. It was contrary to the public interest because to admit such actions would place an undesirable fetter on the freedom of speech.

In the case of a local authority temporarily under the control of one political party or another it was difficult to say that the local authority as such had any reputation of its own. Reputation in the eyes of the public was more likely to attach itself to the controlling political party, and with a change in that party the reputation itself would change.

A publication attacking the activities of the authority would necessarily be an attack on the body of councillors which represented the controlling party, or on the executives who carried on the day-to-day management of its affairs. If the individual reputation of any of those was wrongly impaired by the publication he could himself bring proceedings for defamation. Further, it was open to the controlling body to defend itself by public utterances and in debate in the council chamber.

The conclusion had to be that under the common law of England a local authority did not have the right to maintain an action of damages for defamation.

That was the conclusion reached by the Court of Appeal, which did so principally by reference to article 10 of the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (1953) (Cmd 8969), to which the United Kingdom adhered but which had not been enacted into domestic law.

His Lordship had reached his conclusion upon the common law of England without finding any need to rely upon the European Convention. Lord Goff in *Guardian Newspapers Ltd (No 2)* had expressed the opinion (at pp283–284) that in the field of freedom of speech there was no difference in principle between English law on the subject and article 10 of the Convention.

His Lordship agreed, and could only add that he found it satisfactory to be able to conclude that the common law of England was consistent with the obligations assumed by the Crown under the Treaty in that particular field.

It followed that the *Bognor Regis UDC* case was wrongly decided and should be overruled.

Lord Griffiths, Lord Goff, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Woolf agreed.

Solicitors: Kingsford Stacey for Mr D. W. Tysoe, Matlock: Biddle & Co.

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Court of Appeal

Strict test of safety in workplace

Larner v British Steel plc

Before Lord Justice Hirst and Mr Justice Peter Gibson

[Judgment February 12]

The test of keeping a place of work safe for any person working there, under section 29(1) of the Factories Act 1961, was a strict one, and there was no obligation in a claim for breach of statutory duty under the section for the claimant to establish that the question of reasonable foreseeability arose in consideration of whether the place of work was safe.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing the appeal of the plaintiff, William Norman Larner, against the dismissal by Judge T. Michael Evans, QC, at Swansea County Court on March 13, 1992, of his claim for damages against British Steel plc for personal injuries.

The case was remitted to the county court for assessment of damages on the basis of 100 per cent liability.

Mr Philip Richards for Mr Larner; Mr Lloyd Williams for British Steel.

LORD JUSTICE HIRST said that the plaintiff, an experienced mechanical fitter employed by British Steel at Port Talbot, was injured on February 14, 1987, when carrying out work on a heavy piece of equipment used in the steel-making process which was known by the defendants to be cracked. It fell and severely crushed his right leg.

The plaintiff's statement of claim was based almost word for word on the formulation in section 29(1), and, so far as negligence was concerned, the claims in effect were two: failure to inspect the structure sufficiently and failure to give adequate warning of the fracture.

The defendants denied liability and, importantly, did not plead that it was not reasonably practicable to make the place of work safe.

The judge had concluded that the defendants had taken all reasonable and practical steps to keep the plaintiff safe.

His Lordship said that it was established from the authorities as a pre-requisite that, if such an issue was to be raised, it had to be expressly pleaded by a defendant: see *Bowes v Sedgefield District Council* ([1981] ICR 234, 238, CA) following *Nimmo v Alexander Cowan & Sons Ltd* ([1968] AC 107) and *Gibson v British Insulated Callenders' Construction Co Ltd* (1973 SLT 2), both House of Lords cases.

Nor was there evidence before the court that the defendants could prove that it was not reasonably practicable to make and keep the plaintiff's place of work safe, and so the plaintiff was entitled to succeed on the breach of statutory duty issue since the defendants failed in point of proof as well as in point of pleading.

Mr Williams sought to argue that, to establish that the place of work was unsafe, it was incumbent on the plaintiff to prove that the danger was reasonably foreseeable by the defendants.

He relied principally on *Taylor v Coalite Oils & Chemicals Ltd* ([1967] 3 KIR 315) and *Morrow v Enterprise Sheet Metal Works (Aberdeen) Ltd* (1986 SLT 697).

It was held in those cases, in his Lordship's view *obiter*, that the question of reasonable foreseeability did arise in determining whether the place of the accident was safe under the regulations, with similar provisions to section 29, concerning means of access.

The theory underlying those cases stemmed from a *dictum* of Lord Reid in the House of Lords in *John Summers & Sons Ltd v Frost* ([1955] AC 740, 766), in a case under section 14 of the Factories Act 1937, the requirement on an employer to fence dangerous machinery, when he said "the question is whether before the accident it was reasonably foreseeable that an accident of this kind might happen".

Mr Richards pointed out that that view was not reflected in any of the other speeches in the case, and Viscount Simonds (at p751) laid stress on the strictness of the test as an "absolute obligation".

His Lordship said that the clear wording of section 29(1) made no reference to reasonable foreseeability, see also *Munkman, Employer's Liability* (11th edition (1990) pp292-293), so that if Mr Williams' argument was correct the distinction between the common law duty of care and the statutory duty would be virtually obliterated.

Neither of the two cases he relied on were binding authority. They might be explained as being near the borderline since they involved comparatively transient and trivial obstructions in the place of access, a stray piece of wood in *Taylor* and a cardboard sheet in *Morrow*.

His Lordship preferred the approach of Viscount Simonds in *John Summers*, Lord Guest in *Nimmo* (at p122F) and *Robertson v R. B. Cowe & Co* (1970 SLT 122). He was prepared to hold that the test in section 29(1) was a strict one.

MR JUSTICE PETER GIBSON said that the judge appeared to have treated his conclusions on the plaintiff's allegation of negligence as largely determinative of the question whether there had been a breach of statutory duty by the defendants.

But the issue of negligence required a very different approach from the issue of breach of statutory duty under section 29(1), since the way the duty was framed under that section required the employer to establish and plead, as held by the authorities, that it was not reasonably practicable to make and keep the work place safe.

The judge did not have the benefit of the citation of authorities and the fuller arguments that the present court had, and there was no explanation of the consequences of the defendants' failure to plead the necessary averment as to reasonable practicality.

In his Lordship's judgment therefore the defendants' failure to plead and prove that led to the conclusion that the plaintiff's claim for breach of statutory duty had to succeed unless, as Mr Williams submitted, the plaintiff failed to show that his place of work was not made or kept safe for him.

His contention that it was for the plaintiff to establish that the accident which occurred was a reasonably foreseeable danger raised the question whether "safe" in section 29(1) meant safe from a reasonably foreseeable danger.

His Lordship said that the section contained no express reference to foreseeability, reasonable or otherwise.

"Safe" was an ordinary English word and there was no reason why the question whether a place of work was safe should not be decided purely as a question of fact without any gloss being put on the word.

To imply words in the section was to reduce the protection afforded by the Act for the workman, the plain object of the section being to provide for a safe working place: see *Nimmo* (at p122).

It would also seem wrong to imply a requirement of foreseeability as the result would frequently be to limit success in a breach of statutory duty claim to circumstances where the workman would also succeed in a parallel claim for negligence, and thus it reduced the utility of the section.

The *Taylor* case cited by Mr *Williams* was decided before *Nimmo* so that the approach to section 29 by the Court of Appeal needed reconsideration in the light of what was said in *Nimmo* and, in any event, the Court of Appeal's comments were *obiter*.

His Lordship preferred to read the section without implying any test of reasonable foreseeability.

It was plain on the facts that the defendants failed to make and keep safe for the plaintiff his place of work.

Even if his Lordship was wrong on the construction of the section and the test of reasonable foreseeability applied, the test was satisfied in all the circumstances of the case.

Solicitors: Robin Thompson & Partners, Cardiff; Cartwrights Adams & Black, Cardiff.

Absence from scene of crime after plot is no excuse

Regina v Rook

Before Lord Justice Lloyd, Mr Justice Potter and Mr Justice Buckley

[Judgment January 29]

If a secondary party, who was not present at the scene of a crime, gave assistance and encouragement to the principal parties, it was no defence for him to say that he did not intend the victim to be killed, or to suffer serious harm, if he contemplated or foresaw the event as a real or serious risk.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in dismissing an appeal by Adrian Rook against his conviction in July 1990 at Nottingham Crown Court (Mr Justice Turner and a jury) of murder.

Mr Stephen Hockman, QC and Mr Louis French, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Richard Maxwell, QC, for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD, delivering the judgment of the court, said that a taxi driver wished to be rid of his wife and agreed to pay the appellant and two others to murder her.

The following day the appellant could not be found but the taxi driver drove his wife to the appointed place where they met the other co-defendants who dragged her from the car, killed her and threw her body into a lake.

On his own evidence at the trial it was clear that the appellant took a leading part in the planning of the murder. He foresaw that the murder would, or at least might, take place.

For a time he stalled the others. But he did nothing to stop them, and apart from his absence on the day of the murder, he did nothing to indicate to them that he had changed his mind.

It was now well established that in a case of joint enterprise, where the parties were both present at the scene of the crime, it was not necessary for the prosecution to show that the secondary party intended the victim to be killed, or to suffer serious injury.

It was enough that he should have foreseen the event, as a real or substantial risk: see *Chan Wing-Su v The Queen* ([1985] AC 168); *R v Hyde* ([1991] 1 QB 134) and *Hui Chi-Ming v The Queen* ([1992] 1 AC 34).

Thus a secondary party might be liable for the unintended consequences of the principal's acts, provided the principal did not go outside the scope of the joint enterprise.

There was no reason why the same reasoning should not apply in the case of a secondary party who lent assistance or encouragement before the commission of the crime. The appeal was dismissed.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Nottingham.

Wright adds iron as Scotland look forward to Wales

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

SEARCH as you may, you will find few blacksmiths playing international rugby these days. Brokers, account executives, representatives for this or that, but not many smiths.

It is therefore disappointing to hear that Peter Wright, who will prop Scotland's scrum against Wales at Murrayfield tomorrow, does not keep company with horses. He works for a firm of structural engineers, making railings, fire escapes and the like.

There is no rural idyll for Wright but he would not have it so. "When I was training, I did one horse, but they're so big and they like to keep all four feet on the ground," he said, as if would not care to be on the end of a flying hoof.

The front row would not seem to be a good exchange but Wright enjoys it. As a junior player at Lasswade, he swapped from flanker to the front row at the age of 16 and found himself rubbing cheeks with players ten years his senior.

"It's one of those things, you against him, it's personal. Prop is the only position where you get one-on-one in a physical confrontation. Everyone thinks props are big lumps of meat who enjoy knocking holes in each other, but you can get great individual satisfaction playing there."

Such an occasion arose in the resounding bowl of the Parc des Princes when Wright, 25, appeared against



Wright: confrontation

France in his first five nations' championship match, but not in his usual position of tight-head prop. After wrestling for several days with the problem of a replacement for Alan Watt on the loose-head side, the selectors moved Wright across to the position occupied with such distinction for six years by David Sole, Scotland's former captain.

By coincidence, in the opposing front row was Laurent Seigne, who also played in the B international in 1989 when Wright played his first game at that level. The adjustment worked even better than the Scotland selectors might have anticipated.

"The big difference is in the binding, and the feet positions are slightly different," Wright said. "On the tight-head the feet are closer together, whereas at loose-head you leave a gap for the hooker to strike, and if you lose your balance it can be awkward. With the exception of two occasions, we scrummaged particularly well.

"We went for channel one ball so that we could clear it quickly, while, on their ball, the French hit and drive straight away, they never settle. If we can get a big hit [when the front rows engage] we can put Wales under pressure."

Wright had played loose-head twice on tour in Australia last summer, and he has had solid grounding over the last seven years with Boroughmuir. He joined the Meggetland club when Norrie Rowan was still propping for Scotland, so learned his rugby trade from a master, at the same time as he was undergoing his apprenticeship as a smith.

The physical demands of the job complement the natural strength required in his sport, although training after a nine-hour day on one's feet is not always an attractive proposition. But Wright's character came through after the injury which kept him out of rugby for nearly two years.

Having toured with Scotland in Japan in 1989, he seemed on the verge of a breakthrough when he ruptured his cruciate ligaments in a league match against Selkirk. He could not play for 15 months and spent another six months working his way back to fitness, by which time the World Cup squad had been determined.

He has paid his dues after progressing almost automatically through the junior representative grades, a system Wright says does not necessarily prepare young players well for the harder grind of first-class club rugby.

His success has created a problem at Boroughmuir over whether to change sides in the scrum so as to consolidate his international place — although Grant Wilson, his club colleague and a B international, can play tight-head.

Tomorrow's Murrayfield moment, Wright's fourth international but first at home, will be special: "I'll savour the occasion," he said.

Since he is to be married in April, a judiciously timed ceremony which does not conflict with this summer's tours, 1993 is turning out to be quite a year for the man with the hammer.

☐ Mike Ridehalch, the Orrell centre, is out of the Lancashire side to play Middlesex in the county championship semi-final at Orrell tomorrow with a rib injury. He will be replaced by John Russell, of Broughton Park.

French discipline pleases Berbizier

By David Hands

FRANCE will arrive in Dublin today for the five nations' championship match against Ireland at Lansdowne Road rejoicing in their new-found discipline, evident in the narrow defeat by England and the victory over Scotland.

"We are supposed to have played the two best teams in the championship," Pierre Berbizier, the France coach, said before his squad's second training run of yesterday at Clairfontaine.

"But there are two more to go and we must ask for more from this French team. We have taken two steps forward from last year. We are better disciplined and we control the game better."

This season, Berbizier has found no difficulty with the referees who have handled France's games — Jim Fleming, of Scotland, and Derek Bevan, of Wales — and another Scot, David Leslie, handles the game tomorrow.

The injuries that have afflicted the other international camps this week have cleared. Scotland have given Craig Chalmers, Derek Turnbull, Ken Milne and Damian Cronin a clean bill of health.

Ian McGeechan, Scotland's coach for the last time at a Murrayfield international, has been pleased with his pack's progress. "We were in danger at the end of last season of losing shape so I devised a series of practices to be done in various parts of the field and they've gone well," he said.

Family pairings eliminated

By David Rhys Jones

SINGLES gave ways to pairs in the Midland Bank world indoor bowls championships at the Preston Guild Hall yesterday, with two overseas combinations recording straight-sets victories over home father-and-son partnerships.

New Zealand's Gary Lawson and Peter Belliss defeated Brian and Marcus Craig, from Ballyclare, allowing them only one shot in two sets before they properly got their bearings on the portable rink. The third set was well contested, but still went the way of the New Zealanders by a 7-6 margin.

Australia's Cameron Curtis and his mentor, Ian Schuback, had to work hard to win their opening set against Ted and Iain Boyle from Barnborough, near Doncaster, but ran away with the spoils after that.

Schuback, who had coaxed Curtis through to a surprise win over the second seed, Andy Thomson, in the singles on Wednesday, identified the last end of the first set as the turning point.

Ted Boyle, who thought he and his son deserved to win that set, agreed. "At 5-5, we had played a lot of good bowls, and were holding shot when Ian trailed the jack for two with the final delivery of the end," he said.

"It was a perfect bowl, but it his us hard, and we went on to lose the second set in just 14 minutes."

For Schuback it was an ideal warm-up before he starts the defence of his singles crown against Mike Nicolle, of Guernsey.

Another highly-ranked Australian pair, Dennis Katunarich and Robbie Parrella, came a cropper on Wednesday night, beaten by Ian Campbell and Robert Grant, of Lanarkshire.

Although Campbell has played for Scotland, Grant has yet to impress the selectors sufficiently to secure an international place. But against a world-class pair, they showed how, in team games, compatability can often prove to be the most telling factor and after a shaky start recovered so strongly that they won through by 0-7, 7-1, 7-2, 7-6.

PETER LOMAS



On the mat: Schuback on the way to victory yesterday

Graham Robertson and Richard Corsie had little difficulty getting past the Channel Islanders David Le Marquand and Nicolle. Two Scottish pairs have reached the quarter-finals, while five Scots — six if the Yorkshire-based Hugh Duff is included among their number — have qualified for the second round in the singles.

RESULTS: Singles: First round: J McCann (Scot) bt R Jefferson (Nor), 7-4, 2-7, 7-4, 6-7, 7-1; C Curtis (Aus) bt A Thomson (Engl), 7-6, 7-1, 7-0. Doubles: First round: I Campbell and R Grant (Scot) bt D Katunarich and R Parrella (Aus), 0-7, 7-1, 7-2, 7-6; R Corsie and G Robertson (Scot) bt D Le Marquand (Jersey) and M Nicolle (Guernsey), 7-3, 7-4, 7-5; P Belliss and G Lawson (NZ) bt B and M Craig (Ire), 7-0, 7-1, 7-6; C Curtis and I Schuback (Aus) bt I and T Boyle (Engl), 7-5, 7-0, 7-4.

Price moves into unknown territory

MICK Price, a journeyman professional who has shown steady improvement during his five years on the circuit, reached the semi-final of a world ranking snooker tournament for the first time with a 5-3 victory over Mark Johnston-Allen in the European Open in Antwerp yesterday (Phil Yates writes).

Johnston-Allen beat Price 5-4 at the corresponding stage last year and another win for him seemed the most likely outcome when he snatched the fourth frame on the black to lead 3-1, after requiring three snookers with two reds remaining.

Price, known for his fighting qualities, eased his frustration by battering a few balls around on the practice table during the interval. "It got rid of the aggression and I realised I still felt good even though I'd just had a terrible frame," he said.

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RESULT: Quarter-final: M Price (Eng) bt M Johnston-Allen (Eng), 5-3.

SPORT IN BRIEF

King claims Lewis must take pay cut

LENNOX Lewis is in danger of having $600,000 (about £417,000) cut from his purse of $9,620,000 for the first defence of his World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight title against Tony Tucker in Las Vegas in May (Srikumar Sen writes). Don King, the American promoter, who won the purse bid, is claiming that Lewis, as a champion by default, is entitled to 75 per cent instead of 80 per cent of the purse bid. King has prevailed on José Sulaiman, the president of the WBC, to refer the matter to its members.

Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager, said yesterday that, as Lewis was entitled under WBC rules to $0 per cent of the total purse of $12,115,000, there was no question of further discussion on the matter. Maloney has protested to the WBC and called in his lawyers. However, he did not think the bout would be called off if the vote went against Lewis.

Jahangir wins easily

SQUASH: Jahangir Khan, of Pakistan, made short work of Adam Schreiber, of Australia, in Cardiff yesterday, defeating him 15-12, 15-10, 15-8 in the second round of the Leekes Classic. The victory leaves Jahangir on course for a quarter-final match against Rodney Martin, his most bitter opponent in recent years. In the women's event, Sarah FitzGerald, of Australia, defeated the England No. 5 and former national champion, Sue Wright, 8-15, 12-15, 15-11, 15-12, 15-3 in a 58-minute first-round encounter. Wright appeared in serious physical trouble even after winning the first two games, and by the end FitzGerald was cutting her way dismissively into the quarter-finals.

Alexander fined £1,000

CYCLING: Caroline Alexander, Britain's leading woman mountain bike rider, has been fined £1,000 by the British Cycling Federation (BCF) after a dispute with Raleigh Cycles, for whom she has ridden for the last two seasons. Alexander asked to be released from her contract with Raleigh after the world championships in Canada in September but Raleigh refused to release her. After a five-hour BCF hearing, Alexander was fined and also ordered to pay £1,000 compensation to Raleigh. However, she was allowed to terminate her riding contract.

Florida tests progress

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED: With two months to go before the London Marathon, Britain's leading road-racers will test the progress of their winter training at the Gasparilla 15km wheelchair classic in Florida next week (Alix Ramsay writes). Britain's team of 15 is the strongest sent to the United States and includes Dave Holding, who won the London title in 1989. Holding said: "My aim is to win again in London. Florida will be good preparation and a good test of how things are going."

Champagne choice

YACHTING: Fears that Britain might not be represented in its own Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup event in Cowes in July were dispelled yesterday by the Royal Ocean Racing Club, which selects the British team. The club confirmed that Graham Walker and Peter Moreton have been given the 50-foot and One-Ton places respectively. Walker has purchased Juno V, Mike Peacock's Farr 50, which represented Britain in 1991, and Moreton is finalising arrangements to charter Port Pendennis.

Wembley welcome

RUGBY LEAGUE: Wembley will stage the first international match between Great Britain and New Zealand in the three-match series in the autumn. The game, on October 16, will be followed by matches at Central Park, Wigan, and Headingley, Leeds, on October 30 and November 6. Steve Pilgrim, the former Wasps and England B full back, who is serving a 12-month ban from rugby union after playing a rugby league trial, is to make a second appearance for Leeds' Alliance side against Dewsbury tomorrow.

Americans criticised

TENNIS: Pete Sampras, right, was one of a number of American players criticised yesterday by organisers of this week's Stuttgart men's indoor tournament, which they have decided to miss. The event offers prize money of £1.6 million and the prospect of 330 ranking points for the winner. Markus Guenthardt, the tournament director, said: "Stuttgart will become a must for any player who wants to reach the top. Americans will realise that in the end."



Hightown's challenge

HOCKEY: When Hightown begin their challenge for the European indoor clubs' championship in Berlin today, they will be determined to prove they are no longer innocents abroad. Last year, they went to the tournament in confident mood, after retaining their domestic crown the week before, but struggled to master the step up in class. This year, with a counter-attacking game plan, they hope they can emerge from their group matches against San Sebastian, Berlin and Randalstown to reach the semi-finals.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: First division: Manc Leicester 85, Oldham 87.
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New York Knicks 124, Charlotte Hornets 116; Cleveland Cavaliers 124, Dallas Mavericks 97; Indiana Pacers 125, Sacramento Kings 99; Miami Heat 111, Detroit Pistons 107; Orlando Magic 111, Denver Nuggets 99; Chicago Bulls 114, Utah Jazz 96.

BOXING

TOOTING: WBC International super-middleweight title: Lou Gent (Streatham) bt Hunter Clay (Nigeria, holder), pts.
BETHNAL GREEN, London: WBC International cruiserweight championship: Carl Thompson (Manchester) ko Arthur Weathers (US), 2nd rnd.

CRICKET

CAPE TOWN: Triangular one-day series: South Africa 140-9; West Indies 136. South Africa won by 4 runs.
NEW PLYMOUTH: Tour match: New Zealand Board XI 264-9 dec (M D Crowe 163) and 150 (M G Hughes 4-23); Australians 348 (J Langer 89, T A Healy 87 not out; M Haslam 4-68) and 68-1. Australians won by 9 wickets.
CALCUTTA: Third Youth Test: India Under-19 474-8 dec; England Under-19 154 (J Hindson 51 not out, M Walker 48) and 130-4 (Walker 48, R Cunliffe 46 not out).

FOOTBALL

FAI CUP: First round replays: Home Farm 2, Monaghan 0; Kilkenny 1, Waterford 2; Cobh Ramblers 3, Weyside Celtic 1
BRAZILIAN LEAGUES: São Paulo: Group A: Corinthians 1, União São João 1; Marilia 2, Juventus 1, Mogi Mirim 2, Ituano 1; Ponte Preta 0, Santos 0; Portuguesa 4, Guarani 0; XV de Piracicaba 1, Noroeste 1 Group B: America 1, Internacional 0; Aracatuba 2, Ferroviaria 1, Botafogo 1, Santo Andre 2; Olimpia 1, Novorizontino 1; São Caetano 3, XV de Jau 0; São Jose 2, Catanduvense 0; Taquaritinga 3, Sãocarlense 0.
Late results on Wednesday
WORLD CUP: European group one: Scotland 3, Malta 0. Group two: England 6, San Marino 0. Group five: Greece 2, Luxembourg 0. Group six: Israel 0, France 4.
INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Republic of Ireland 2, Wales 1.
AUTOGLASS TROPHY: Area quarter-final: Brighton 0, Exeter 1.
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Barnsley 2, Sunderland 2; Bolton 1 Rotherham 0; Leeds 4, Sheffield Wednesday 0; Newcastle 4, Wolverhampton 0. Second division: Bradford 2, Huddersfield 1, Hull 3, Middlesbrough 0, Mansfield 0. Coventry 2; Port Vale 1, Blackpool 3; West Bromwich 1, Derby 1, Wigan 1, Burnley 2; York 1, Grimsby 0.
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Horwich 2, Accrington Stanley 2.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City 0, Tottenham 1, Charlton 0, Southampton 1; Ipswich 2, Chelsea 2, Oxford 2, Watford 0; Queens Park Rangers 3, Norwich 1; Wimbledon 0, Portsmouth 1. Second division: Birmingham 3, Swansea 1, Cheltenham 1, Torquay 0; Exeter 0, Yeovil 1
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Solihull 2, Burton 2.
ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP: Semi-final: Second leg: Bari 2, Cremonese 2 (agg: 3-6; Cremonese meet Derby County in final).
KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Flint 1, Mold 0.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashfield 2, Belper 0; Spennymoor 5, Pickering 0.
NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Brandon 0, Consett 2; Peterlee Newtown 0, Tow Law 1; South Bank 2, Essington 0.
BASS NORTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool Mechanics 2, Skelmersdale 3, Chadderton 1, Atherton 2; Kidsgrove 1, Nantwich 2; Penrith 3, Bamber Bridge 0; Glossop North End 1, Bacup 0
SCHOOLS MATCHES: English British Gas Trophy, Quarter-final: Sheffield 3, Rotherham 2. English Mars under-19 Trophy, Second round: Grimsby College 1, Peterborough College 2. South East Counties Championship: Essex 1, Sussex 1. Woodward Cup: Manchester 1, Blackburn 2.

GOLF

MELBOURNE: Australian Masters tournament: First round (Australia unless stated): 67: C Parry. 68: S Ellington, P Senior, L Stephen, T Price, T Elliott. 69: M Barry, J Taylor, S Leaney, M Allen, S Scahill (NZ). 70: B Andrews, P Teravainen (US), B Hughes, M Harwood, S Owen (NZ).
KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian Open: First round: 67: V Singh (Fiji), E Meeks (US). 68: Choi Sang-ho (S Kor), B Mattlace (US). 69: Yang Yong-nam (S Kor), T Hamilton (US), C Larrain (Ven). 70: I Woosnam (GB), Young Keun-han (S Kor), Z Moe (Burma), Heleh Chin-Sheng (Taiwan), K Cotner (US), D Paulson (US), M Ramayah (Malaysia).
VILAMOURA, Algarve: Longshot-Dom Pedro tournament: Second round: 141: M Studds (Formby). 147: R Lamatt (Glengorse). 155: S Purves (Tudor Park). 157: C Nelson (Hazlehead), E Freund (Antwerp). 158: S Norris (Bergen).

HOCKEY

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Cambridge University 3, East Anglians 0

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Detroit Red Wings 3, Tampa Bay Lightning 1; Buffalo Sabres 5, Hartford Whalers 3; Boston Bruins 5, Montreal Canadiens 2; New Jersey Devils 4, St Louis Blues 3, Quebec Nordiques 6, Ottawa Senators 4; Toronto Maple Leafs 4, Calgary Flames 2, Los Angeles Kings 10, Minnesota North Stars 5.

NORDIC SKIING

FALUN, Sweden: World championships: Combined event: Jump (all Japanese): 1, K Ogiwara, 222.2pts; 2, M Abe, 218.2; 3, T Kono, 213.3.

RUGBY LEAGUE

BRITISH COAL INTERNATIONAL (at Rochdale): Great Britain Under-21 46, France Under-21 10.
SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Second round: Halifax 30, Batley 20.
STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Hull 0, Wigan 42; Widnes 26, St Helens 8.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Cambridge University 13, Luddites 15; Aberavon 10, Bristol 17; Abertillery 0, Newport 10; Clifton 33, RAF 25, Oxford University 9, Oxfordshire 13; Barry Hill 30, Exeter University 24, Surrey 26, Army 22; Blackheath 50, Los Tordos (Arg) 10; Newcastle Gosforth 43, Newcastle Uni 3, Royal Navy 8, Exeter 16.

SKIING

TIGNES, France: British Land British championships: Giant slalom: Men: 1, S Pession, 1min 47.94sec; 2, G Bell, 1:48.00; 3, W Gaylord, 1:48.69; 4, M Bell, 1:48.82. Women: 1, C Moschetti (Fr), 1:54.00; 2, M Collet (Fr), 1:54.80; 3, A Zirkritzer (Aus), 1:54.88. British placings: 7, D Pratt, 1:57.29; 14, S Lockyer, 2:01.44.

SQUASH

CARDIFF: Welsh Classic: Men: First round: R Eyles (Aus) bt M Cairns (Eng), 15-7, 14-15, 15-9, 15-9; S Meads (Eng) bt G Waite (Can), 15-10, 12-15, 15-3, 15-13; R Martin (Aus) bt A F Khan (HK), 15-4, 15-13, 15-4; R Norman (NZ) bt D Meddings (Eng), 15-11, 16-13, 15-13; A Schreiber (Aus) bt S Parke (Eng), 15-12, 15-11, 15-11; Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt C Walker (Eng), 15-11, 15-10, 15-13; A Adamopoulos (Sp) bt P Steel (NZ), 15-9, 15-6, 15-12; P Whitlock (Eng) bt J Ransome (Eng), 15-8, 15-12, 15-8; C van der Wath (SA) bt D Harris (Eng), 15-17, 15-5, 15-12, 12-15, 15-5; S Elopuro (Fin) bt A Davies (Wales), 14-15, 15-12, 15-8, 9-15, 15-14; P Marshall (Eng) bt T Hands (Eng), 11-15, 4-15, 15-5, 15-7, 15-4; C Dittmar (Aus) bt J Bonelat (Fr), 15-4, 15-7, 15-8. Second round: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt H Wiens (Ger), 10-5, ret; R Eyles (Aus) bt R Norman (NZ), 15-11, 15-7, 15-11; R Martin (Aus) bt M Maclean (Scot), 17-14, 15-8, 15-13; Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt A Schreiber (Aus), 15-12, 15-10, 15-8. Women: First round: M Martin (Aus) bt S Schone (Ger), 15-2, 15-6, 15-8; S Horner (Eng) bt R Macree (Eng), 15-13, 15-11, 15-8; S FitzGerald (Aus) bt S Wright (Eng), 8-15, 12-15, 15-11, 15-12, 15-3; L Irving (Aus) bt R O'Callaghan (Ire), 15-8, 15-4, 15-9.
CAIRO: International match: Egypt bt England, 3-2 (English names first): A Toss bt M Madnat, 3-1; P Hargrave bt O El-Borolosy, 3-0; L Beachill lost to Ahmed Barada, 1-3; P Trenfield lost to A Feyzi, 1-3; J Russell lost to A Shbana, 2-3.

SNOOKER

ANTWERP: European Open: Fifth round: R O'Sullivan (Eng) bt D Mountjoy (Wales), 5-0; A Hicks (Eng) bt D Morgan (Wales), 5-0; S Davis (Eng) bt S James (Eng), 5-2; S Lee (Eng) bt M Bennett (Wales), 5-4.

SWIMMING

PONDS FORGE, Sheffield: World Cup, round 8: Men: 50m freestyle: 1, M Foster (GB), 21.60 (world record); 2, A Popov (Rus), 22.10, 3, Q Jieming (China), 22.41. 200m freestyle: 1, C Keller (Ger), 1:45.98; 2, D Loader (NZ), 1:46.79; 7, P Palmer (GB), 1:48.14. 1km: 1, S Zesner (Ger), 9:55.72; 2, S Wiese (Ger), 9:57.00; 3, I Wilson (GB), 10:00.42; 5, G Smith (GB), 10:05.49. 50m backstroke: 1, M Harris (GB), 25.45 (British record); 2, T Weber (Ger), 25.45. 200m backstroke: 1, A Ruckwood (GB), 1:53.88; 2, T Sopp (Nor), 1:56.90; 3, M Harris (GB), 2:01.13. 100m breaststroke: 1, R Dekker (Holl), 1:00.21; 5, N Gillingham (GB), 1:01.44; 7, R Madan (City of Leeds), 1:02.34. 100m butterfly: 1, D Loader (NZ), 53.55; 2, B Gutzeit (Fr), 54.16; 3, M Gery (Can), 54.18; 5, J Bradley (GB), 55.91. 200m medley: 1, C Keller (Ger), 1:58.54; 4, G Robins (GB), 2:02.80. Women: 100m freestyle: 1, F van Almsick (Ger), 53.97; 2, S Osygus (Ger), 55.18; 8, A Sheppard (GB), 57.19. 400m freestyle: 1, I Dalby (Nor), 4:10.15. 100m backstroke: 1, S Voelker (Ger), 1:00.75; 3, K Osher (GB), 1:02.58; 4, H Slatter (GB), 1:02.84; 5, A Bennett (Nova Centurion), 1:03.23 (British junior record) 50m breaststroke: 1, L Xia (China), 31.85; 2, S Riley (Aus), 31.90; 5, Z Baker (GB), 32.34. 200m breaststroke: 1, H Xiaomin (China), 2:25.50; 6, K Reike (Maewest), 2:31.86; 7, N Thornley (Man Utd Salford), 2:33.89. 50m butterfly: 1, F van Almsick (Ger), 27.29; 6, N Goodwin (GB), 28.23. 200m butterfly: 1, S O'Neill (Aus), 2:09.67. 100m medley: 1, B Vestergaard (Den), 1:03.52; 4, D Palmer (GB), 1:04.82. 400m medley: 1, H Slatter (GB), 4:45.86; 2, L Bichuri (China), 4:48.26; 3, L Bianconi (Ita), 4:49.18; 4, M Hardiman (GB), 4:49.25.

TENNIS

STUTTGART: Men's tournament: K Carlsen (Den) bt J Sánchez (Sp), 6-4, 6-0; R Krajicek (Holl) bt S Bruguera (Sp), 6-2, 6-3; W Masur (Aus) bt B Karbacher (Ger), 4-6, 7-5, 6-3; B Becker (Ger) bt H Leconte (Fr), 6-4, 6-7, 6-3. Second round: P Korda (Cz) bt A Volkov (Rus), 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; A Medvedev (Ukr) wo M Larsson (Swe), scr; Krajicek bt J Hlasek (Switz), 7-5, 5-7, 6-4; W Ferreira (SA) bt O Camporese (It), 5-7, 6-0, 6-3.
MANCHESTER: LTA men's indoor circuit (GB unless stated): First round: M Maclagan bt W Arthurs (Aus), 6-7, 7-6, 7-6; A Foster bt T Henman, 6-2, 6-4; R Eriksson (Swe) bt S Hette (Fr), 6-2, 3-6, 6-3; M Barnard (SA) bt C Wilkinson, 7-6, 6-2; F Silverberg (Br) bt D Sapsford, 7-6, 6-4; L Barthez (Fr) bt K Gyorgy (Hun), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; R Wawra (Austria) bt O Lomicky (US), 6-4, 6-4; P Pamblanco (It) bt H K-Song (S Kor), 6-2, 6-4; R Kraus (Ger) bt C Geyer (Ger), 6-4, 6-1; P Bouteyre (Fr) bt D Musa (It), 6-2, 6-3; A Richardson bt B Maclean (Hait), 6-4, 5-7, 6-4. Second round: P Hand bt Bouteyre, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4; Foster bt Maclagan, 6-2, 6-3; Silverberg bt A Beust (Fr), 7-6, 6-2; L Barthez (Fr) bt J Pino (Cuba), 3-6, 7-5, 6-3. F Cousin (Fr) bt M Barnard (SA), 6-3, 6-1; Richardson bt Eriksson, 6-1, 6-4; Pamblanco bt Wawra, 6-3 7-5; M Petchey bt Kraus, 7-6, 6-1.
PHILADELPHIA: Men's tournament (US unless stated): First round: I Lendl bt M Ondruska (SA), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; D Rostagno bt J Courier, 7-6, 6-1. Second round: M Washington bt J Tarango, 7-5, 6-4; A Mansdorf (Isr) bt R Furlan (It), 7-6, 7-5; R Ranaberg bt R Fromberg (Aus), 6-2, 6-3; P Sampras bt T Enqvist (Swe), 6-1, 7-6.
PARIS: Women's tournament: First round: M Navratilova (US) bt K Oalialdaus (Ger), 6-1, 6-3; P Paradis-Mangon (Fr) bt L Meskhi (Geo), 6-3, 6-1. Second round: M Pierce (Fr) bt N Jagerman (Holl), 6-3, 6-4; M Seles (Yug) bt J Wesner (Austria), 6-3, 6-4; N Tauziat (Fr) bt D Monami (Bel), 6-0, 6-2. Second round: J Novotna (Cz) bt N van Lottum (Fr), 6-3, 6-0; K Kschwendt (Ger) bt Paradis-Mangon, 6-4, 6-3.
OKLAHOMA CITY: Women's tournament: Second round (US unless stated): M McGrath bt S Amiach (Fr), 6-4, 6-2; L Fernando (It) bt S Appelmans (Bel), 7-5, 6-4; T Whitlinger bt H Kelesi (Can), 4-6, 6-3, 3-3, ret; L Harvey-Wild bt M-L Daniels, 6-2, 6-2.
EASTBOURNE: Remington family championships: Semi-finals: Fairhead and sons D and S Lloyd (Surrey) bt K and O Bull (South Wales), 5-7, 7-5, 7-5; P and M Siviter (Worcs) bt J and B Howarth (Yorkshire), 6-4, 6-3. Mother and daughter: Y and S Durham (Sussex) bt B and N Entrect (Dorset), 6-4, 2-6, 8-6; E and A Joy (Avon) bt L and L Paterson (Sussex), 6-4, 6-1

YACHTING

BRITISH STEEL CHALLENGE: Third leg (leading positions at 1500 GMT yesterday with miles to Cape Town): 1, Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden), 4,631; 2, Group IV Securities (M Golding), 4,635; 3, Rhone Poulenc (P Phillips), 4,635; 4, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 4,640; 5, Commercial Union Assurance (R Merriweather), 4,642.
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TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

Barclays League
Third division
Northampton v Cardiff .....

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Afan Lido v Briton Ferry; Bangor v Conwy; Cwmbran v Inter Cardiff.

RUGBY UNION

Under-21 international
Scotland v Wales (at Myreside, 3.0).....

Representative match
Scottish Univs v Welsh Univs (at Peffer Mill, 3.0) .....

Club matches
Bath v Swansea (7.15).....
Ebbw Vale v Pontypool (7.0) .....
Edinburgh Academicals v London Welsh (7.30).....
Hawick v Aspatria (7.30).....
Melrose v Peebles (3.0).....
Stewart's Mel FP v Newbridge (2.30)
CANCELLED: Gloucester v Pontypridd.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
First division
Salford v Bradford N (7.30).....
Sheffield v Leigh (7.30) .....

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Scotland v Wales (Kelvin Hall, Glasgow).
BASKETBALL: Carlsberg National League: Men: First division: Thames Valley Tigers v Guildford Kings
BOWLS: World indoor singles and pairs championships (Guild Hall, Preston).
SQUASH: Leekes Welsh Classic (Cardiff).

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 40

TOERING
(c) A wide-brimmed conical hat of straw, formerly worn by Cape Malays, from the Afrikaans, adapted from the Malay *tudong* (now *tudung*) cover, lid, sun-hat: "Very small figures appear in some of the drawings. They are usually Malays in which the toering, or conical straw hat worn by the men, is prominent."

MANANOSAY
(b) The soft-shell clam, *Mya arenaria*, probably adapted from the Algonquian name: "The soft clam or Mananosay (*Mya arenaria*), obtained from the shores of tidal rivers by digging one or two feet in the tidal sand. It has a long, extensible, cartilaginous snout, or proboscis, through which it ejects water; whence it is also called Stem-clam."

BIGARADE
(a) The Spanish bitter orange. Frequently attributive, as bigarade sauce, a sauce flavoured with this orange; also appplied to a dish (usually roast duck) having this sauce as a dressing: *H. van Oosten's Dutch Gardener*: "Among the sour ones [sc. oranges], the bigarade are best, the handsomest, and the most esteemed."

PURGA
(b) A blizzard of very fine snow in Russia, from the Russian word: "A purga was raging — one of those fierce snowstorms which visit with especial violence the eastern shores of Asiatic Russia." "A purga is not just any snowstorm; it is a violent storm associated with an invasion of cold air."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

Solution: with 1 ... Rxg2+! 2 Nxg2 Nf3+ black emerges a piece up. Not wishing to prolong the agony, white actually opted for voluntary euthanasia with 3 Kh1 Nf2 mate.

WORD-WATCHING

These are the answers to yesterday's Word-Watching and Winning Move. We regret that they were omitted from some early editions.

ZAIBATSU
(b) In Japan, a large capitalist organisation, usually based on a single family having a controlling interest in a variety of companies, of a type that existed before the war of 1939-45; since 1947 a cartel or conglomerate. Also, the members of such an enterprise. From the Japanese *zai* wealth + *batzu* clique: "When a finds itself in a position of success among failure, its only recourse is probably to go to ground. The Japanese zaibatsu understood this: a really successful Japanese businessman was and is rarely obtrusive."

LOPOLITH
(a) A large intrusive mass similar to a laccolith but having the base centrally sunken: "Professor John Barrell has suggested that as igneous forms they deserve a distinct name. The name proposed by the writer is lopolith from the Greek *lopos* a basin, a flat earthen dish, and *lithos*, a stone.

APAREJO
(a) A pack-saddle, from the Spanish *aparejo* preparation, harness, tackle: "The aparejo as a valuable method of holding the cargo and protecting the animal's body from injuries, has never been improved upon."

RAMARAMA
(c) An evergreen New Zealand shrub or small tree, *Myrtus* (or *Lophomyrtus*) *bullata*, belonging to the family Myrtaceae and the Maori: "The ramarama is easily distinguished from all other native plants by its reddish-brown leaves."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

Black launched a winning counter-attack with 1 ...Rh1+! 2 Kxh1 (2 Bxh1 Bxf7) 2 ... Qh3+ 3 Kg1 Re1 mate.

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Disappointing season drives trainer and jockey apart

Bailey and Tory end five-year link

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent



STUART FRANKLIN ALAN JOHNSON

Splitting up: Kim Bailey (left) and Anthony Tory have decided to sever their informal trainer-jockey association

KIM Bailey, one of several Lambourn trainers whose yard has been hit by a virus this season, has dispensed with the riding services of Anthony Tory. The five-year partnership enjoyed considerable success, most notably with Kings Fountain and Docklands Express, the winner of the Whitbread Gold Cup and Racing Post Chase.

Bailey, with only 22 winners in a frustrating season, said yesterday that he and Tory had mutually agreed to end the informal arrangement under which the jockey rode most of the yard's horses. "The partnership has not been so successful this year, partly as a result of the ground being soft and a number of horses being under a cloud," Bailey said. "It was felt a change would give both parties more freedom of choice."

Bailey stressed that he would continue to use Tory on a freelance basis and did not intend to appoint another stable jockey before the end of the season.

At Sandown yesterday, Satin Lover's Cheltenham ambitions were boosted by a bloodless victory following an eight-week absence. However, backers remain in the dark over his festival objective.

Nigel Tinkler, the trainer of the unbeaten novice hurdler, said: "We will declare him for the Champion Hurdle, the County Hurdle and the Trafalgar House Supreme Novices' Hurdle and make a decision at the last moment. The later we make a decision the more likely it is to be the correct one. I favour the County Hurdle but Douglas Hall, the horse's owner, prefers the Champion Hurdle."

Plans to retire Kribensis, the 1990 Champion Hurdle winner, have been shelved following a workout yesterday morning on David Nicholson's gallops. Michael Stoute's nine-year-old is set to run in the Kingwell Hurdle at Wincanton next Thursday.

Nicholson's gallops at Jackdaws Castle appear to possess near magical powers this season. Apart from providing Nicholson with a personal best total, Knockelly Castle, the former Jonjo O'Neill-trained chaser, worked there recently in preparation for yesterday's Wilfred Johnstone Hunter Chase and he showed the benefit by running out a five-length winner.

The 13-year-old is owned by Rhydian Morgan-Jones, a senior adviser to Khaled Abdulla. Along with the Prince's racing manager, Grant Pritchard-Gordon, they landed something of a gamble, having backed Knockelly Castle, who started at 10-1, at 16-1 and 14-1.

An elated Pritchard-Gordon outlined provisional plans for Abdulla's leading three-year-olds, Zafonic, the winner of the Dewhurst Stakes, Tenby and Armiger, who heads the Derby betting.

Provided the ground is not soft, Zafonic is expected to reappear in the Prix Djebel over seven furlongs at Maisons-Laffitte in April. While Tenby and Armiger are pencilled in for the Derby, the latter has not been ruled out of the 2,000 Guineas if the ground comes up soft.

Zafonic, who is reported to have strengthened considerably during the winter, remains even money favourite for the 2,000 Guineas but William Hill yesterday reported significant support for the Luca Cumani-trained Barathea, unbeaten in two starts at two, including the Houghton Stakes at Newmarket.

David Hood, the spokesman for William Hill, said: "Barathea must have been catching pigeons on the Newmarket gallops given the weight of money in recent days. On Monday we had him at 20-1, cut him to 16s on Tuesday and now to 14s."

☐ Carrick Hill Lad, one of the top chasers of the 1990-91 season, has died on trainer Gordon Richards's gallops. A post-mortem revealed an arterial haemorrhage in the lung.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Lucayan Treasure
(3.20 Southwell)
Next best: Tapestry Dancer
(2.10 Fakenham)

EDINBURGH

THUNDERER

1.45 Batabanoo. 2.15 Chief Mole. 2.45 Stepfaster. 3.15 Rapid Mover. 3.45 Sprowston Boy. 4.15 The Red One. 4.45 Staggering.

Brian Beel: 4.15 Northumbrian King.

GOING: GOOD SIS

1.45 HARCROS SCOTTISH JUVENILE HURDLE
(Qualifier: 4-Y-O: £1,913: 2m) (10 runners)

1 1315 BATABANOO 20 (CD,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 11-8 ... P Niven
2 4101 LIABILITY ORDER 34 (D,S) M Hammond 11-8 ... C Grant
3 21 THUNDERBIRD ONE 9 (D) Denys Smith 11-4 ... P Waggott (5)
4 0606 AGWA 7 J S Allen 10-12 ... P Williams (7)
5 30 EBONY 13 J Batemay 10-12 ... J J Quinn
6 KING'S GUEST 100F G Moore 10-12 ... N Bentley (3)
7 00 LEGITIM 62 J Jefferson 10-12 ... G McCourt
8 0 PATROL 20 J Johnson 10-12 ... A Orkney
9 TAWAFIJ 312F R Allan 10-12 ... B Storey
10 05 STOPROVERITATE 24 S Norton 10-7 ... M Dwyer

11-4 Batabanoo, 3-1 Liability Order, 5-1 Ebony, 6-1 Thunderbird One, 7-1 King's Guest, Stopproveritate, 14-1 Tawafij, 16-1 Patrol, 50-1 others.

2.15 HOWGATE MAIDEN CHASE (£2,151: 2m) (9)

1 6/5F CHIEF MOLE 6 J Johnson 8-11-7 ... A Orkney
2 6640 COUGAR 23 Mrs S Austin 7-11-7 ... D Wilkinson
3 40-U DROMIN FOX 6 Denys Smith 7-11-7 ... P Waggott (5)
4 P/PS LIVE AND LET LIVE 6 R Tate 9-11-7 ... C Dennis (3)
5 F550 MOSS BEE 10 W Reed 6-11-7 ... T Reed
6 -000 STRONG SILVER 13 P Johnson 6-11-7 ... K Johnson
7 45P/ TOUGH COOKIE 1032 R Allan 8-11-7 ... B Storey
8 0.00 CROESOSSEN 14 G Richards 9-11-2 ... M Moloney
9 06P0 SHARED FORTUNE 15 A Harris 9-10-12 ... K Jones

7-2 Chief Mole, 9-2 Tough Cookie, 5-1 Dromin Fox, 6-1 Cougar, 7-1 Live And Let Live, 8-1 Croesossen, 12-1 others.

2.45 KILMANY CUP HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,775: 3m) (7)

1 1044 CORNET 14 (V,CD,F,G,S) Denys Smith 7-12-0 ... C Grant
2 1106 LOGAMIMO 34 (C,F,G,S) J Hellens 7-11-12 ... A Lamach (5)
3 113- KIRSTY'S BOY 291 (D,BF,F,G,S) Mrs L Perratt 10-11-12 ... G McCourt
4 -16P LAURIE-O 63 (F,G,S) R Lamb 9-10-11 ... A Merrigan
5 23PF STEPFASTER 15 (D,F,G) P Cheesbrough 6-10-5 ... P Niven
6 1664 RIVER HOUSE 15 (CD,F,G,S) P Cheesbrough 11-10-3 K Johnson
7 133P TRAPRAIN LAW 10 (CD,BF,G,S) A Reed 10-10-0 ... T Reed

5-2 Kirsty's Boy, 7-2 Cornet, 5-1 River House, 5-1 Stepfaster, 7-1 Logamimo, 8-1 Traprain Law, 10-1 Laurie-O

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Hellens, 3 winners from 8 runners, 37.5%; C Thornton, 5 from 19, 26.3%; J Johnson, 6 from 29, 20.7%; Denys Smith, 9 from 50, 18.0%; G Moore, 8 from 51, 15.7%; M Hammond, 6 from 43, 14.0%.

JOCKEYS: G McCourt, 20 winners from 59 rides, 33.9%; M Dwyer, 20 from 60, 33.3%; Mr S Swiers, 4 from 12, 33.3%; P Niven, 22 from 82, 26.8%; C Grant, 15 from 68, 22.1%; R Hodge, 4 from 19, 21.1%.

3.15 GOOSEGREEN NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,840: 2m 4f) (7)

1 1414 REXY BOY 15 (CD,BF,S) W Barker 6-11-12 ... G Harker
2 5103 CHEEKY POT 27 (B,S) Denys Smith 5-11-11 ... P Waggott (5)
3 2000 REKLAW 10 (B) S Chadwick 6-11-8 ... S Lyons (5)
4 33/5 MODULATOR 125 T Dyer 11-11-7 ... P Harley
5 0035 RAPID MOVER 7 D Nolan 6-10-13 ... J J Quinn
6 650 SCOTTISH PERIL 80 R Allan 6-10-7 ... S Storey
7 -P60 GLENORAN 118 S Pittendrigh 6-10-4 ... K Johnson

11-8 Rapid Mover, 3-1 Rexy Boy, 9-2 Scottish Peril, 11-2 Cheeky Pot, 16-1 Modulator, Reklaw, 25-1 Glenoran.

3.45 MUSSELBURGH STAYERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,200: 3m) (3)

1 00-4 SPROWSTON BOY 148 (CD,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 10-12-0 ... G McCourt
2 4510 HARDIHERO 10 (F,S) G White 7-10-0 ... B Storey
3 P600 PALANQUIN 10 (B,CD,F,S) W Reed 11-10-0 ... T Reed

2-7 Sprowston Boy, 4-1 Hardihero, 8-1 Palanquin.

4.15 FIFE HUNT CLUB CUP HUNTER CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,537: 3m) (11)

1 /211- NORTHUMBRIAN KING 286 (D,F,G) Mrs K Walton 7-12-7 ... Mrs A Farrell (3)
2 0-0U PADDY HAYTON 6 (CD,F,G,S) S Leadbetter 12-12-7 R Shiels (5)
3 F6-4 POLITICAL ISSUE 14 (D,S) T Robson 9-12-7 ... P Johnson (5)
4 U0/F RAWYARDS BRIG 14 (D,S) R Bartlett 10-12-7 ... P Gratton
5 215- STEELE JUSTICE 266 (D,F) W Manners 9-12-7 ... Miss P Robson (7)
6 32-1 THE RED ONE 13 (D,F,S) P Haley 9-12-7 ... S Swiers
7 2-31 POLLUBRIG 6 (G) W Hamilton 9-12-2 ... M Buckley (5)
8 PSP- ANDREW 281 (D,S) G McGuinness 10-12-0 ... Mrs J Dun (7)
9 6605 GALLOWAY BREEZE 148 (B) S Pittendrigh 9-12-0 ... S Pittendrigh (7)
10 34P/ LE PIAT D'OR 749 (C,F) R Whitaker 12-12-0 ... S Whitaker (7)
11 2F-2 RENAGOWN 118 (F,S) S Chadwick 10-12-0 Miss J Thurlow (7)

7-4 The Red One, 5-2 Northumbrian King, 5-1 Pollubrig, 8-1 Paddy Hayton, Renagown, 10-1 Political Issue, 12-1 Steele Justice, 25-1 others.

4.45 LEVY BOARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£1,700: 2m) (13)

1 HILLTOWN J Johnson 5-11-10 ... A Lamach (5)
2 HOPE HALL R Whitaker 5-11-10 ... Mr S Whitaker
3 PIRATE HOOK Mrs J Goodfellow 5-11-10 ... R Hodge
4 55- RAISEAMILLION 350 G Moore 5-11-10 ... N Bentley (3)
5 4 TROPNEVAD 149 J Jefferson 5-11-10 ... G Tormey (7)
6 PAPER'S PET D Nolan 6-11-5 ... G McGrath (7)
7 HERBALIST C Thornton 4-11-0 ... S Taylor (7)
8 0 MASTER FLASHMAN 20 Mrs S Bradburne 4-11-0 P Williams (7)
9 RELUCTANT SUITOR M Hammond 4-11-0 ... D Bentley (5)
10 ROYAL GARDEN P Calver 4-11-0 ... S Wynne (5)
11 THREE STRONG J Johnson 4-11-0 ... D J Moffatt (5)
12 0 PENTLAND DANCER 20 R Lamb 4-10-9 ... D Ryan (7)
13 STAGGERING M Naughton 4-10-9 ... C Dennis (3)

2-1 Herbalist, 5-1 Tropnevad, 7-1 Raiseamillion, 8-1 Hilltown, Hope Hall, 10-1 Master Flashman, Three Strong, 14-1 Reluctant Suitor, 16-1 others.

☐ Many A Slip and Davy Blake, two of the top northern point-to-pointers, are among the eight entries for the second qualifying race in The Times Rising Stars series at Sedgefield next Tuesday (Brian Beel writes).

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

1.50 Lock Keeper. 2.20 Katy's Lad. 2.50 Silky Siren. 3.20 Greenwich Chalenge. 3.50 Karamoja. 4.20 Hoochiecoochie Man. 4.50 Quatre Femme.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.50 MAPLEBECK CLAIMING STAKES
(Div I: £2,280: 1m) (9)

1 0 NEVENTER 4 M Chapman 4-9-0 ... V Smith 6
2 3151 LOCK KEEPER 11 (CD) C Hill 7-8-8 ... J Quinn 9
3 0-05 MAHZOOZ 13 J Pearce 4-8-8 ... J McLaughlin 4
4 20-4 ROUND BY THE RIVER 35 (F,S) W Haigh 4-8-5 Dean McKeown 1
5 000- TIBBY HEAD 160J J Mackie 5-8-5 ... G Carter 5
6 63-3 BOWDEN BOY 14 (B,F,G,S) B Preece 5-8-4 ... W Ryan 3
7 5/10 FIABA 7 (CD,G) R O'Leary 5-8-1 ... F Norton (3) 8
8 06-0 MARIETTE LARKIN 11 J Hetherton 4-7-11 ... J Fanning 2
9 0/ NEVER TOUCHED ME 30J M Barraclough 6-7-7 ... N Adams 7

15-8 Lock Keeper, 5-2 Bowden Boy, 4-1 Fiaba, 6-1 Round By The River, 16-1 Mariette Larkin, 20-1 others.

2.20 KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£2,280: 1m 4f) (6)

1 105- L'UOMO CLASSICS 41J (F,S) R Rowe 6-9-10 T G McLaughlin 6
2 240- KATY'S LAD 15J (F,G,S) B McMahon 6-9-8 ... S Sanders 4
3 1352 SUGEMAR 11 (CD,F) M Chapman 7-9-4 ... S D Williams 3
4 000- EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 155 (D,F,G) M Brittain 6-8-8 ... J Marshall 5
5 054- BALAAT 84 (F) M Chapman 5-8-3 ... D McCabe 2
6 -006 LA REINE ROUGE 13 (D) Mrs A Knight 5-7-11 ... F Norton 1

5-2 Sugemar, 11-4 Katy's Lad, 4-1 Eire Leath-Sceal, 6-1 L'Uomo Classics, 8-1 Balaat, 10-1 La Reine Rouge.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 6 winners from 24 runners, 25.0%; J Hetherton, 5 from 28, 17.9%; J Pearce, 8 from 45, 17.8%; M Bell, 10 from 57, 17.5%; C Hill, 21 from 123, 17.1%; W Haigh, 9 from 63, 14.3%; E Alston, 7 from 53, 13.2%.

JOCKEYS: J McLaughlin, 6 winners from 26 rides, 23.1%; D McCabe, 4 from 20, 20.0%; D Biggs, 20 from 143, 14.0%; D Pears, 5 from 37, 13.5%; G Carter, 32 from 239, 13.4%; M Hills, 15 from 116, 12.9%.

Blinkered first time

SOUTHWELL: 2.50 Pop To Stans. Dehar Boy. 4.20 Magication.

2.50 MAPLEBECK CLAIMING STAKES
(Div II: £2,280: 1m) (8)

1 0-02 POP TO STANS 11 (B,C,F) J Pearce 4-8-10 ... L Dettori 1
2 -300 GIRTON DEGREE 21 B McMahon 4-8-5 ... S Sanders (7) 2
3 0-10 MERRYHILL MADAM 41 (CD) J Harris 4-8-5 ... B Doyle (5) 5
4 60/0 DEHAR BOY 25J (B) T Caldwell 7-8-0 ... Stephen Davies (5) 7
5 0-00 WOOD KAY 18 P Felgate 4-7-13 ... N Adams 3
6 5023 JUVENARA 4 (CD,F) C Hill 7-7-12 ... G Bardwell 6
7 500/ KACHINA MAID 639J (F) Mrs A Knight 8-7-9 ... D Biggs 4
8 280- SILKY SIREN 16J (B) M Pipe 4-7-9 ... J Quinn 8

7-4 Silky Siren, 11-4 Merryhill Madam, 11-2 Girton Degree, 8-1 Pop To Stans, 10-1 Juvenara, 20-1 others.

3.20 GIRTON HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,259: 6f) (4)

1 1116 PLAY HEVER GOLF 13 (CD) T Naughton 9-7 ... M Hills 1
2 -122 GREENWICH CHALENGE 32 (C,BF,S) C Smith 9-2 ... T Quinn 3
3 01-2 LUCAYAN TREASURE 20 (V) D Loder 9-1 ... L Dettori 4
4 2111 PINE RIDGE LAD 4 (B,CD,F) M Johnston 9-0 (7ex) ... Dean McKeown 2

7-4 Lucayan Treasure, 9-4 Greenwich Chalenge, 5-2 Pine Ridge Lad, 5-1 Play Hever Golf

3.50 HARDWICK CLAIMING STAKES
(4-Y-O: £2,217: 2m) (4)

1 543- KLINGON 18J R Hollinshead 8-13 ... W Ryan 4
2 34-3 KARAMOJA 25 (S) N Graham 8-7 ... T Quinn 3
3 105- WITCHES COVEN 32J (C) Mrs A Knight 8-4 ... F Norton (3) 2
4 0-50 SOUL TRADER 7 Mrs A Knight 7-12 ... D Biggs 1

8-15 Karamoja, 3-1 Klingon, 6-1 Witches Coven, 12-1 Soul Trader.

4.20 NEW HOUGHTON MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-O: £2,070: 7f) (5)

1 GREEN'S FAIR M Bell 9-0 ... M Fenton (5) 4
2 4- HOOCHIECOOCHIE MAN 59 D Arbuthnot 9-0 ... T Quinn 3
3 00-2 PRINCE OF SOUL 25 R Harris 9-0 ... J McLaughlin 5
4 0-44 DON'T BE SAKI 14 Ronald Thompson 8-9 ... D Pears (5) 1
5 00-6 MAGICATION 11 (B) J Balding 8-9 ... Claire Balding (7) 2

5-4 Magication, 3-1 Don't Be Saki, 7-1 Hoochiecoochie Man, 6-1 Green's Fair, 12-1 Prince Of Soul.

4.50 LAXTON HANDICAP (£2,238: 6f) (7)

1 /0-0 HANSOM LAD 11 (CD,F) W Haigh 10-10-0 ... Dean McKeown 7
2 -322 JOHNSTON'S EXPRESS 7 (CD,BF,F) E Alston 5-9-13 ... Stephen Davies (5) 6
3 0323 QUATRE FEMME 7 (D,BF,F) C Hill 6-9-3 ... D Biggs 5
4 0-00 ARC LAMP 14 (C,F,G) J Glover 7-9-3 ... D Nicholls 3
5 04-5 DOESYOUDOES 14 Mrs V Aconley 4-8-11 ... L Dettori 1
6 0-50 GRUBBY 25 (C) R Hollinshead 4-8-4 ... M Humphries (7) 2
7 0254 CHOICE LOT 4 (V,F) T Caldwell 6-8-3 ... D Wright (7) 4

2-1 Johnston's Express, 9-4 Quatre Femme, 4-1 Doesyoudoes, 5-1 Choice Lot, 6-1 Grubby, 12-1 Hansom Lad, 14-1 Arc Lamp.

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER

2.00 Russell Dalus. 2.30 Al Hashimi. 3.05 Gay Ruffian. 3.40 GROUSEMAN (nap). 4.10 Latent Talent. 4.40 Spectacular Dawn.

GOING: GOOD (BACK STRAIGHT: GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

2.00 EBF FOX NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(Qualifier: £2,897: 2m 110yd) (10 runners)

101 0C0-531 RED BEAN 17 (D) (B Thrift) J O'Donoghue 5-11-5 ... A Dicken (5) 89
102 2-16P RUSSELL DALUS 38 (D,BF,S) (Watership Down Racing) S Sherwood 6-11-5 J Osborne —
103 33 DUKE OF APROLON 85 (BF) (The Turf Club) J Gifford 6-11-0 ... P Hide (5) 98
104 5P GENERAL BRANDY 27 (J Ingram) J Gifford 7-11-0 ... W Ayles (7) —
105 0 MIRACLE MAN 20 (P Evans) C Weedon 5-11-0 ... Peter Hobbs —
106 042-0 NEEDWOOD NATIVE 22 (D Blagden) B Morgan 5-11-0 ... L Harvey —
107 10 PONTOON BRIDGE 35 (S) (E Parker) G Harwood 6-11-0 ... M Perrett 81
108 0-60 SLIPPERTON 16 (B) (D Andrews) O Sherwood 6-11-0 ... Mr J Durkan 73
109 0-11 THE MINE CAPTAIN 17 (G Evans) F O'Mahony 6-11-0 ... R Farrant (5) —
110 0- THE NEW WIFE 403 (Mrs D McBride) J King 6-10-9 ... J R Kavanagh —

BETTING: 6-4 Duke Of Aprolon, 2-1 Russell Dalus, 5-1 Pontoon Bridge, 10-1 Red Bean, 14-1 Needwood Native, The Mine Captain, 33-1 others.

1992: CURRENT EXPRESS 5-11-0 R Dunwoody (7-2) N Henderson 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

RED BEAN beat Clipper One 1l in 9-runner Lingfield (AW, 2m) maiden hurdle. RUSSELL DALUS beat Beauchamp Express 3½l in 11-runner Haydock (2m, soft) novice hurdle on reappearance. DUKE OF APROLON 9½l 3rd of 10 to Fair Brother in Taunton (2m 1f, good to soft) novice hurdle latest. NEEDWOOD NATIVE, well beaten on hurdling bow, finished 12l 2nd of 24 to Turning Trix in Cheltenham (2m, good) National Hunt Flat race on final start last term. PONTOON BRIDGE 28l 10th of 15 to Stormhead in novice hurdle at Ascot (2m 110yd, heavy) latest, but earlier beat Billy Boru short-head in 21-runner National Hunt Flat race over course and distance (good to soft). THE MINE CAPTAIN completed double, beat Blakeway 2½l in 10-runner Lingfield (AW, 2m) National Hunt Flat race.
Selection: RUSSELL DALUS

2.30 SQUIRREL HANDICAP CHASE (£4,094: 2m) (4 runners)

201 2112-03 YOUNG POKEY 13 (D,F,G) (M Oberstein) O Sherwood 8-12-0 ... J Osborne 93
202 116-P35 STAR'S DELIGHT 13 (CD,F,G,S) (F Barr) M Pipe 11-11-12 ... P Scudamore —
203 1F-3264 AL HASHIMI 20 (CD,F,G) (J Hobbs) D Nicholson 9-11-10 ... R Dunwoody 98
204 1-F2122 ALKINOR REX 28 (D,BF,G,S) (M Pentecost) G Harwood 8-10-12 ... M Perrett 98

BETTING: 6-4 Young Pokey, 2-1 Alkinor Rex, 7-2 Al Hashimi, 5-1 Star's Delight.

1992: ELFAST 9-11-10 M Lynch (5-2) J Webber 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

YOUNG POKEY 16l 3rd of 5 to Storm Alert in handicap chase over course and distance (good) with STAR'S DELIGHT (8lb better off) 32l last. Beat Tinryland 3½l in 11-runner grade 1 Arkle Chase at Cheltenham (2m, good) in March. STARS DELIGHT 8½l 3rd of 4 to Young Benz in Haydock (2m, heavy) handicap chase on penultimate start. AL HASHIMI 15½l 4th of 8 to Tinryland in Doncaster (2m 110yd, good) handicap chase. ALKINOR REX 3½l 2nd of 6 to Broughton Manor in Kempton (2m, soft) handicap chase.
Selection: ALKINOR REX

3.05 BADGER NOVICES CHASE (£3,659: 2m 4f 110yd) (3 runners)

301 5-11433 FIGHTING WORDS 13 (F,G) (Pell-mell Partners) J Gifford 7-11-9 ... P Hide (5) —
302 26-1114 GAY RUFFIAN 13 (D,G,S) (F Jones) M Pipe 7-11-9 ... P Scudamore 98
303 P00-PFF TITUS ANDRONICUS 42 (J Bettridge) N Gaselee 6-11-2 ... J R Kavanagh —

BETTING: 1-2 Gay Ruffian, 13-8 Fighting Words, 33-1 Titus Andronicus.

1992: BUCK WILLOW 8-11-4 D Murphy (13-8) J Gifford 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

FIGHTING WORDS 5¼l 3rd of 11 to Young Hustler in grade 1 novice chase over course and distance (good to soft) with GAY RUFFIAN (same terms) ¾l 4th. GAY RUFFIAN completed treble despite jumping errors on penultimate start when beating The Laughing Lord by 30l in 9-runner Uttoxeter (2m 5f, heavy) novice chase.
Selection: FIGHTING WORDS

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1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell, P — pulled up, U — unseated rider, B — brought down, S — slipped up, R — refused, D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers, V — visor, H — hood, E — Eyeshield, C — course winner, D — distance winner, CD — course and distance winner, BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard, G — good, S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.40 PHILIP BARNARD MEMORIAL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,843: 2m 6f) (9 runners)

401 0-145F1 TALLYWAGGER 23 (F,G) (J Featherstone) G Moore 6-11-10 ... N Stocks (7) 90
402 F-42123 LE CHAT NOIR 31 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Howell) D Grissell 10-11-4 ... D Fortt (7) 90
403 112-00P EVER SMILE 17 (F) (D L'Estrange) M Pipe 6-10-6 ... L Reynolds (7) 93
404 4/3-F011 GROUSEMAN 9 (G,S) (Aquarius) Miss H Knight 7-10-6 (5ex) ... M Hourigan 96
405 20-PP33 SEA BUCK 22 (D,BF,G,S) (C Beckle) G Balding 7-10-2 ... R Davis —
406 122202 GLEBELANDS GIRL 14 (G,S) (D Walsh) R Rowe 6-10-0 ... L Dace (7) 91
407 343-UU5 STAR OF OUGHTERARD 60 (G,F) (Mrs T O'Toole) T McGovern 8-10-0 ... J Clarke (7) 82
408 003024 WOODSIDE HEATH 3 (D Barry) J Moore 6-10-0 ... P Moore (7) 84
409 AJUU6-4 VILLA PARK 60 (F,S) (G Wareham) G Wareham 11-10-0 ... P Hide 88

Long handicap: Glebelands Girl 9-12, Star Of Oughterard 9-11, Woodside Heath 9-7, Villa Park 9-5.

BETTING: 5-4 Grouseman, 6-1 Tallywagger, 7-1 Glebelands Girl, 8-1 Le Chat Noir, 10-1 Sea Buck, 14-1 Ever Smile, 16-1 Star Of Oughterard, 20-1 Woodside Heath, 25-1 Villa Park.

1992: CRYSTAL HEIGHTS 6-10-12 R Greene (11-4) Mrs J Retter 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

TALLYWAGGER beat Shelton Abbey ½l in 7-runner Sedgefield (3m 3f 110yd, good) handicap hurdle. LE CHAT NOIR 7½l 3rd of 9 to Sleepline Royale in Folkestone (2m 1f 110yd, soft) handicap hurdle. Previously 2l 2nd of 7 to Here He Comes in Lingfield (2m 110yd, soft) handicap hurdle. GROUSEMAN completed double, comfortably beat Sea Trout 10l in 13-runner Ludlow (2m 5f 110yd, good) handicap hurdle. SEA BUCK 2l 3rd of 14 to Early Man in Kempton (3m 110yd, soft) handicap hurdle on penultimate start. GLEBELANDS GIRL weakened after the last when 12l 2nd of 12 to Ebony Gale in Fontwell (2m 6f, good to soft) handicap hurdle in December with VILLA PARK (1lb better off) 79½l 4th.
Selection: LE CHAT NOIR

4.10 JARVIS HOTELS HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,172: 3m 110yd) (4 runners)

501 11-44UP TOPSHAM BAY 41 (C,D,F,G,S) (E Parker) D Barons 10-12-0 ... J Frost 92
502 UU-1P44 LATENT TALENT 20 (D,G,S) (C Heath) S Sherwood 9-11-3 ... J Osborne —
503 /833/3-5 WONT BE GONE LONG 20 (D,F,G) N Henderson 11-10-11 ... R Dunwoody —
504 3/1U-321 DIAMOND FORT 25 (D,S) (Mrs R Stocks) J McConnochie 8-10-0 ... S McNeill 85

Long handicap: Diamond Fort 9-3.

BETTING: 6-4 Latent Talent, 5-2 Wont Be Gone Long, 4-1 Diamond Fort, Topsham Bay.

1992: GAMBLING ROYAL 9-10-4 R Dunwoody (6-4 fav) D Nicholson 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

TOPSHAM BAY 27l last of 4 to Belmount Captain in Cheltenham (3m 3f 110yd, good to soft) handicap chase in November. LATENT TALENT 16l 4th of 14 to Young Hustler in Doncaster (3m, good) handicap chase. WONT BE GONE LONG 50l 5th of 7 to Ryde Again in Cheltenham (2m 5f, soft) handicap chase. DIAMOND FORT led to out and stayed on well to beat Buddington 10l in 5-runner Lingfield (3m, heavy) handicap chase.
Selection: LATENT TALENT

4.40 CAT & MOUSE NOVICES HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £2,792: 2m 110yd) (6 runners)

601 211 VIARDOT 13 (CD,S) M Pipe 11-7 ... P Scudamore —
602 50 INDIAN RUN 9 (P Slade) R Hodges 11-0 ... W Irvine 90
603 P SAAHI 9 (M Peters) C Weedon 11-0 ... Peter Hobbs —
604 0 WAAZA 13 (Miss L Siddall) Miss L Siddall 11-0 ... M Foster —
605 61 SPECTACULAR DAWN 10 (D,S) (P Winfield) N Henderson 10-13 ... R Dunwoody 85
606 4 KASISI 13 (Mrs D Blackburn) J Webber 10-9 ... A Webb 75

BETTING: 1-2 Viardot, 5-2 Spectacular Dawn, 10-1 Kasisi, 14-1 Indian Run, 33-1 Saahi, Waaza.

1992: AL MUTAHM 11-0 C Llewellyn (2-1 fav) J Old 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

VIARDOT completed double, beat Home Counties 1½l in 5-runner novice hurdle over course and distance (good to soft). INDIAN RUN 10l 2nd of 14 to Lemon's Mill in Ludlow (2m, good) novice hurdle with SAAHI pulled up before 2 out. SPECTACULAR DAWN comfortably beat Boogie Bopper 4l in 9-runner Warwick (2m, soft) novice hurdle. KASISI 13l 4th of 9 to Shamba in Stratford (2m 110yd, good to soft) novice hurdle with WAAZA tailed off 8th.
Selection: VIARDOT (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Pipe	18	67	26.9	P Scudamore	16	52	30.8
Miss H Knight	3	12	25.0	L Harvey	7	30	23.3
D Grissell	6	25	24.0	R Dunwoody	26	125	20.8
D Nicholson	15	66	22.7	J Osborne	15	74	20.3
O Sherwood	10	54	18.5	M Perrett	8	46	17.4
J Gifford	22	151	14.6	J Frost	7	47	14.9

Richards injured in freak accident

JOCKEY Mark Richards was taken to Musgrove Hospital in Taunton yesterday with a suspected broken knee.

Richards was kicked when leading his mount Fermain out on to the racecourse before the opening Blackdown Juvenile Novices' Hurdle. He was detained at the hospital and may require surgery.

The race was won in fine style by Martin Pipe's Her Honour. She went some way towards re-establishing herself as a serious Triumph Hurdle contender when making every yard of the running. Martin Pipe's filly is now 16-1 from 25-1 with Coral, 20-1 from 33-1 with Ladbrokes and has been reintroduced into Hills list at 20-1.

The daughter of Teenoso, favourite for the Daily Express-sponsored event after her impressive debut victory at Haydock, had blotted her copybook when subsequently beaten at Warwick and Kempton. But yesterday's win should have done her confidence a power of good and Pipe confirmed that she would not run again before the Festival.

Reverting to forcing tactics clearly suited Her Honour and the champion trainer said: "That was just as expected and I thought that at 4-6 she was the bet of the century."

Mark Perrett was concussed after Jessop gave him a heavy fall in the Bet With The Tote Novices' Chase, won by another Pipe horse, Claxton Greene.

FAKENHAM

THUNDERER

2.10 Nova Spirit. 2.40 Singlesole. 3.10 Chuck Curley. 3.40 Duo Drom. 4.10 No Escort. 4.40 Scarlet Express.

Brian Beel: 4.10 Torrent Bay.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.40 *IRISH DITTY*.

GOING: GOOD SIS

2.10 SHERINGHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,390: 2m 110yd) (9 runners)

1 -P52 NOVA SPIRIT 45 (S) M Saunders 5-11-10 ... S Mackey
2 0-53 ROGER'S PAL 118 A Moore 6-11-9 ... G Moore
3 4806 SPANISH WHISPER 16 (CD,G,S) J Bosley 6-11-9 ... S Smith Eccles
4 0200 MABTHUL 4 K Bailey 5-11-7 ... J Railton
5 3432 SOLID 8 (D) D Cosgrove 5-11-5 ... D Walsh (5)
6 3340 WEEKDAY CROSS 37 J Jenkins 5-10-13 ... A Maguire
7 154P TAPESTRY DANCER 14 (G) M Haynes 5-10-10 ... D Skyrme
8 -P0U ALDINGTON BABY MAE 16 C Trietline 5-10-9 ... D Bridgwater
9 00/ MOUNTAIN GLOW 4F B Richmond 6-10-4 ... M Appleby (7)

6-4 Solid, 4-1 Nova Spirit, 6-1 Mabthul, Weekday Cross, 8-1 Roger's Pal, Spanish Whisper, 12-1 Tapestry Dancer, 20-1 Aldington Baby Mae, 25-1 Mountain Glow.

2.40 SANDRINGHAM HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,152: 3m) (7)

1 3P60 JOHN O'DEE 8 (CD,F,G,S) F Murphy 10-11-10 ... B Murphy (7)
2 -111 SINGLESOLE 63 (B,CD,F,G,S) Mrs P Sly 8-11-5 ... A Carroll
3 2F06 HIRAM B BIRDBATH 17 (B,F,G) J Glover 7-10-11 D Bridgwater
4 P2P0 GLADTOGETIT 8 (D,G) D Gandolfo 7-10-4 ... A Maguire
5 1330 POINT MADE 16 (V,D,F,G,S) J Bosley 10-10-3 ... M Bosley
6 -P4P RHODE ISLAND RED 95 (F,G,S) A Moore 10-10-0 ... G Moore
7 -P50 GRANNY'S PRAYER 8 (D,F,G) Miss R Patman 12-10-0 D Skyrme

4-6 Singlesole, 9-2 Gladtogetit, 6-1 Point Made, 8-1 John O'Dee, 10-1 Hiram B Birdbath, 20-1 Granny's Prayer, 25-1 Rhode Island Red.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Jenkins, 10 winners from 45 runners, 22.2%; R Champion, 3 from 20, 15.0%; K Bailey, 3 from 22, 13.6%. Only qualifiers

JOCKEYS: S Smith Eccles, 7 winners from 25 rides, 28.0%; N Williamson, 3 from 15, 20.0%; A Carroll, 5 from 35, 14.3%. Only qualifiers

3.10 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,250: 2m 110yd) (9)

1 0-21 CHUCK CURLEY 62 (D,F,S) B Curley 5-11-5 ... E Murphy
2 4051 FAVOURED VICTOR 6 (D,S) K Morgan 6-11-5 ... A S Smith
3 -06P ALDINGTON CHAPPLE 22 C Trietline 5-11-0 ... D Bridgwater
4 0 ALEX THUSCOMBE 23 Mrs S Lamyman 5-11-0 ... D Telfer
5 -300 CAWARRA BOY 42 C James 5-11-0 ... G Upton
6 MRS MAYHEW F Murphy 5-10-9 ... A Maguire
7 P053 RUSSINSKY 38 G Bravery 6-10-9 ... R J Beggan
8 0F SALLY SOHAM 87 F Murphy 5-10-9 ... B Murphy (7)
9 4-16 WORDY'S WONDER 23 (S) L Wordingham 5-10-9 S Curran (7)

1-2 Chuck Curley, 7-2 Favoured Victor, 8-1 Wordy's Wonder, 10-1 Mrs Mayhew, 12-1 Russinsky, 20-1 others

3.40 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE
(£2,377: 3m) (6)

1 3-P6 BECTIVE BOY 22 (F) Miss L Bower 11-10-10 ... D Gallagher
2 3333 DUNDROMA 34 (G) R Champion 7-10-10 ... A Maguire
3 0/6/P FOUR FROM THE EDGE 99 P Pritchard 10-10-10 ... P Pritchard
4 0P5 JACK'S BARN 13 (V) J Bosley 9-10-10 ... M Bosley
5 2222 DUO DROM 8 (BF,G) Mrs D Haine 8-10-5 ... N Williamson
6 0 MERLINS GIRL 70 D Esden 7-10-5 ... J McCarthy (7)

4-6 Duo Drom, 7-4 Dundroma, 10-1 Jack's Barn, 14-1 Merlins Girl, 20-1 Bective Boy, Four From The Edge.

4.10 WALTER WALES MEMORIAL CUP HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £2,190: 2m 5f 110yd) (4)

1 1/2-U GEMBRIDGE JUPITER 13 (D,F,G,S) C Trietline 15-11-10 ... C Trietline (7)
2 00P- LAD LANE 337 (F) J Whyte 9-11-10 ... G Pewter (7)
3 42-2 NO ESCORT 8 (F,B) Miss C Saunders 9-11-10 ... R Russell (5)
4 P0-2 TORRENT BAY 9 (F,G,S) C Egerton 11-11-10 ... J Weatherby (7)

4-5 No Escort, 9-4 Torrent Bay, 9-2 Gembridge Jupiter, 10-1 Lad Lane.

4.40 CROMER HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,777: 2m 110yd) (8)

1 0031 CHILD OF THE MIST 15 (G,S) J Whyte 7-12-0 ... G Pewter (7)
2 -556 IT'S VARADAN 16 (D,S) T Etherington 9-10-13 ... M Richards
3 3611 IRISH DITTY 6 (D,S) K Morgan 6-10-10 (5ex) ... A S Smith
4 -124 SCARLET EXPRESS 34 (CD,G,S) B Richmond 5-10-9 A Maguire
5 4303 ILEWIN 16 (CD,F,G) J Jenkins 6-10-9 ... D Gallagher
6 -500 PRESENT TIMES 6F (D,F,G,S) A Moore 7-10-4 ... G Moore
7 65-8 CRUISE PARTY 27 Mrs D Haine 5-10-0 ... N Williamson
8 P50/ CORBALLY BESS 686 (D,S) Miss L Bower 13-10-0 ... Mr Paul Murphy (7)

2-1 Irish Ditty, 9-2 Ilewin, 11-2 Child Of The Mist, 6-1 It's Varadan, 7-1 Scarlet Express, 8-1 Present Times, 12-1 Cruise Party, 20-1 Corbally Bess

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Sandown Park

Going: good (good to firm in places on back straight)

2.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, SATIN LOVER (G McCourt, 1-5 fav); 2, El Volador (A Maguire, 11-2); 3, Bold Street Blues (Mr N Bradley, 66-1). ALSO RAN: 16 Intricacy (4th), 50 Ohcumgache (pu), 66 Rust Proof (f), 100 Super Deb (pu). 7 ran. 5l, 15l, 4l. N Tinkler at Malton. Tote: £1.20; £1.10, £1.60. DF: £1.70. CSF: £1.85.

2.30 (3m 110yd ch) 1, ANNIO CHILONE (P Hide, 11-2); 2, Spikey (A Maguire, 16-1); 3, Woodlands Genhire (R Davis, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Saddler's Choice (5th), 9-2 Punch's Hotel (f), 11-2 Lucky Villain (f), 10 Romlul Prince (ref), 12 Tompet (ur), 33 Goldfinger (4th). 9 ran. NR: Pink Gin. 4l, 2½l, 20l, 2½l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £6.20; £1.70, £3.70, £1.90. DF: £124.50. CSF: £70.68. Tricast: £577.24.

3.05 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, LAKE MISSION (J Osborne, 4-1); 2, Sacre D'Or (G McCourt, 4-1); 3, Smartie Express (W Irvine, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Ardbrin (4th), 11-2 Lumberjack (5th), 8 Major Match, 20 Kissana (6th), 25 Moze Tidy. 8 ran. ½l, 6l, 7l, 7l, 12l. S Sherwood at East Ilsley. Tote: £5.30; £1.70, £1.60, £1.50. DF: £8.90. CSF: £18.64. Tricast: £77.59.

3.35 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, GYMCRAK STARDOM (L Wyer, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Sulli Boy (A Maguire, 6-1); 3, Villa Recos (B de Haan, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 3 jt-fav Sleepline Royale (5th), 4 Statajack (6th), 6 Super Ritchart (4th), 33 Take Issue. 7 ran. NR: Certain Style. 2½l, 2l, ¾l, 1½l, 5l. M H Easterby at Great Habton. Tote: £4.10; £2.20, £3.30. DF: £17.60. CSF: £19.29. Tricast: £103.12.

4.10 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, KNOCKELLY CASTLE (Mr J Trice-Rolph, 10-1); 2, Dark Dawn (Mr J Greenall, 9-2); 3, Refaldo (Mr M Felton, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Teaplanter (f), 12 Faanc (6th), 14 Admirals All, 33 Fence Judge, Golden Minstrel (4th), Rain Mark (5th), 50 Sporting Mariner (ur), 66 Al-Khalda (ur), Almerimar (pu), Warrior's Promise. 13 ran. 5l, 3l, 4l, 8l, 3½l. Jon Trice-Rolph at Moreton-in-Marsh. Tote: £12.60; £2.40, £2.40, £1.20. DF: £52.90. CSF: £48.61.

4.45 (2m 6f hdle) 1, FANTASY WORLD (E Murphy, 10-1); 2, Father Ralph (P Holley, 9-2); 3, Emerald Storm (J Kavanagh, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Badastan (pu), 13-2 Ginger Tristan (6th), 7 Cautious Rebel (4th), 25 Train Robber, Vanisli (5th), 33 Buddy Holly. 9 ran. Nk, 1½l, 2½l, 12l, sh hd. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £12.20; £3.00, £1.40, £1.60. DF: £38.40. CSF: £51.75. Tricast: £174.49.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £5,626.72 carried forward to Sandown today).

Placepot: £143.70.

Leicester

Going: good to soft

2.10 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Faithful Star (P Scudamore, 4-6 fav); 2, Pop Abroad (12-1); 3, Gon (25-1). 9 ran. 15l, 6l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.80; £1.20, £2.40, £1.90. DF: £6.90. CSF: £8.82.

2.40 (2m hdle) 1, Ste-Jen (N Bentley, 2-1); 2, Tyrron Doon (11-1); 3, Trenlaode Mist (33-1). Boogie Bopper 4-6 fav. 8 ran. NR: Suri Boat. 1½l, 12l. G Moore. Tote: £3.50; £1.40, £1.20, £6.50. DF: £11.00. CSF: £22.49.

3.10 (3m ch) 1, Just Moss (R Dunwoody, 8-11 fav); 2, Tori (6-1); 3, Trusty Friend (6-1). 6 ran. 5l, 3l. R Rowe. Tote: £1.60; £1.50, £1.90. DF: £3.90. CSF: £5.09.

3.40 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Hawthorn Blaze (P Scudamore, 8-13 fav); 2, Henry Mann (11-8); 3, Clonroche Driller (88-1). 4 ran. 20l, 12l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.80. DF: £1.50. CSF: £1.72.

4.10 (2m 1f ch) 1, Viking Flagship (R Dunwoody, 2-5 fav); 2, Antonin (3-1); 3, Quentin Durwood (7-1). 3 ran. NR: Decidedly Dutch. 15l, 20l. D Nicholson. Tote: £1.50. DF: £1.50. CSF: £1.89.

4.40 (2m hdle) 1, Stylus (R Massey, 150-1); 2, Sayh (2-1); 3, Suez Canal (10-1). Hamanaka Evens fav. 5 ran. 15l, 20l. D Nicholson. Tote: £38.30; £1.50, £2.10. DF: £21.50. CSF: £383.74.

Placepot: £68.30.

Taunton

Going: good

2.05 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Her Honour (J Lower, 4-6 fav); 2, Formal Invitation (5-1); 3, Elizabethan Air (66-1). 12 ran. NR: Fermain, Indian Swallow. 8l, 25l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £1.30, £6.30. DF: £2.70. CSF: £4.16.

2.35 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Alosaili (M Stevens, 10-1); 2, Passo Alfieri (8-1); 3, The Fly Boys (20-1). Tudor De Samba 13-8 fav. 15 ran. NR: Cold Marble. Sh hd, sh hd. B Stevens. Tote: £9.20; £2.10, £1.40, £4.50. DF: £21.10. CSF: £66.71. Tricast: £1,082.93. Champagne Run finished third, but after a stewards' enquiry was placed last. Winner bought in for 2,800gns.

3.05 (3m 3f ch) 1, Claxton Greene (D Richmond, 7-2); 2, Badbury Lad (20-1); 3, Emily's Star (9-4 fav). 12 ran. NR: Kelly Owens. 6l, 6l. M Pipe. Tote: £4.50; £1.50, £2.70, £1.20. DF: £50.10. CSF: £57.23.

3.35 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Myhamet (Mr G Lewis, 9-2); 2, Jadidh (7-1); 3, Rowlandsons Gems (11-2). Sand-Doller 5-2 fav. 15 ran. 3½l, 1l. P Hobbs. Tote: £6.20; £2.50, £2.10, £1.90. DF: £17.90. CSF: £35.83. Tricast: £163.34.

4.05 (3m ch) 1, Dubacilla (S Burrough, 8-11 fav); 2, Red Rondo (5-1); 3, Turnberry Dawn (40-1). 6 ran. 15l, 20l. H Cole. Tote: £1.70; £1.30, £1.60. DF: £3.60. CSF: £4.51.

4.35 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Meldon (D Salter, 14-1); 2, Tropical Ace (100-30 fav); 3, Allo George (14-1). 14 ran. 8l, 1l. Mrs J Retter. Tote: £11.30; £2.90, £1.40, £3.80. DF: £14.50. CSF: £55.81. Tricast: £621.85.

Placepot: £25.10.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

1.50 (2m) 1, Serious Action (K Rutter, 9-1); 2, Hunting Ground (9-2); 3, El Dominio (7-1). Lyph 4-1 fav. 12 ran. 8l, ½l. M Prescott. Tote: £5.80; £1.70, £5.20, £3.60. DF: £10.10. CSF: £48.05. Tricast: £281.77.

2.20 (1m) 1, Mark's Club (D Biggs, 5-1); 2, Genesis Four (16-1); 3, Chiltern Hundreds (10-1). Mister Blake 2-5 fav. 6 ran. 3l, hd. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £5.50; £2.00, £5.00. DF: £24.00. CSF: £54.93.

2.50 (1m) 1, Belmoredean (B Russell, 7-1); 2, Applianceofscience (12-1); 3, Express Service (7-2). Madagans Grey, Sirtelimar 2-1 jt-favs. 6 ran. NR: China Sky. 2l, 1½l. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £7.20; £2.20, £2.00. DF: £36.00. CSF: £65.31.

3.20 (1m 2f) 1, Marco Magnifico (M Hills, 1-3 fav); 2, Danny Past (20-1); 3, Haitham Tam (10-1). 10 ran. 1½l, 1l. B Hills. Tote: £1.20; £1.00, £8.10, £3.80. DF: £10.90. CSF: £9.21.

3.50 (1m 2f) 1, Broughtons Formula (J Quinn, 11-4); 2, Dee Raft (8-11 fav); 3, Erlking (5-1). 4 ran. 2l, hd. W Musson. Tote: £4.30. DF: £2.90. CSF: £5.53.

4.20 (5f) 1, Serious Hurry (T Quinn, 7-2); 2, Le Chic (4-1); 3, Ewald (5-2 fav). 7 ran. Hd, 1½l. C C Elsey. Tote: £3.80; £1.10, £7.20. DF: £9.00. CSF: £17.12.

Placepot: £1,217.20.

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Stylus plays sweet music for Massey

STYLUS, a half-brother to In The Groove, was allowed to go off at 150-1 before beating four rivals on his jumping debut in the Somerby Novices' Hurdle at Leicester yesterday.

Taking charge three out he romped home by 15 lengths from Sayh to become Britain's longest-priced winner since 250-1 chance Equinoctial won at Kelso in November 1990.

The four-year-old provided conditional jockey Robert Massey, 19, with his first winner from only his 17th ride. Winning trainer David Nicholson, who has had Stylus in his care for just four months, said: "It's the biggest surprise of the year.

"Stylus ran once on the all-weather as a two-year-old for Michael Stoute. The owner, Captain John Macdonald-Buchanan, just wanted to see if I could do anything with him. He's got chips in his knees that have been left because they couldn't operate."

Meanwhile it was business as usual for championship rivals Richard Dunwoody and Peter Scudamore who both registered doubles.

Martin Pipe's novice Hawthorn Blaze tuned up for the Catchcart Chase at the Cheltenham Festival wih a foot-perfect display under Scudamore in the Wren Chase.

Even if 20-length runner-up Henry Mann looks a shadow of his former self at the moment, it was an exciting effort from a horse having only his second run over fences.

Chester Barnes, Pipe's assistant, said: "There was nothing to beat him if he stood up, and he did it really well. Scu was very pleased with his jumping."

Scudamore had initiated his double when ex-Irish chaser Faithful Star opened his account over timber int he Oadby Novices' Hurdle.

Atherton and Emburey recalled to team again handicapped by sickness in its ranks

England gamble with high-risk attack

FROM PETER BALL
IN BOMBAY

ILLNESS has disrupted England's preparations for the third Test match in succession. Alec Stewart and Neil Fairbrother have been selected in the squad for the final Test here, which starts today, but both have caught the virus that has been affecting the party for the last four weeks and were unable to practise yesterday.

If either is forced to drop out this morning, and bitter recent experience makes that more likely than not, Richard Blakey will deputise as England intend to play seven batsmen. If both are unfit, that policy will have to be revised, unless a great deal of humble pie is to be eaten and an SOS sent to a certain left-handed television commentator.

The plan means that Atherton makes a welcome return after his controversial omission from the second Test. The specialist bowling will consist of two spinners and two seam bowlers.

Tufnell and Emburey, whose experience has gained him preference to Salisbury, will operate in tandem for the first time on this tour after starting in December as the first-choice pair. Sidhu, who hit Emburey out of contention before the first Test with a fusillade of sixes, may be licking his lips in anticipation, although the Indian opening batsman has been more restrained in the Test arena.

After playing four seam bowlers in the first Test, the selectors have now gone to the other extreme and will play only two. Malcolm has been omitted from the team that played in Madras and the final place will presumably come down to a choice between DeFreitas and Jarvis.

After the experience of Madras, where Lewis was unable to bowl after his opening spell, it is a high-risk policy for a match England have to win to even salvage any pride from the series.

TEAMS

INDIA (from): M Prabhakar, N S Sidhu, V G Kambli, S R Tendulkar, M Azharuddin (captain), P K Amre, Kapil Dev, K S More, A Kumble, R Chauhan, S L V Raju, J Srinath.
ENGLAND (from): G A Gooch (captain), A J Stewart, M A Atherton, M W Gatting, R A Smith, N H Fairbrother, G A Hick, R J Blakey, C C Lewis, J E Emburey, P A J DeFreitas, P C R Tufnell, P W Jarvis.

Correspondents were kept some distance away from the pitch yesterday. But reports suggested that, underneath a covering of grass, the surface is loose with holes already appearing, so it may help spin from an early stage.

If so, the toss will perhaps be less crucial than in the first two Tests, although it is certain that whoever wins it will bat. But it is questionable whether seven England batsmen will necessarily succeed against the Indian spinners where six have failed. It is rather like the football tactic of playing a sweeper as insurance.

The English batsmen's predilection for the sweep is being questioned here. It has been noticeable that the Indians do not employ the shot and not until Kapil Dev came in at No. 7 was it used in their innings of 560 for six in Madras.

The contrast to the England approach was particularly striking to one distinguished observer. "One can get away with it [the sweep] on a golden day but the percentages are not in favour of the batsmen," Sunil Gavaskar wrote in his column in the *Times of India*.

"Yet just about every English batsman tried to sweep the ball and that, too, against the spin. The sweep is employed by batsmen who are not good enough to use their feet to get to the pitch of the ball."

Gavaskar went on to suggest that Gatting had not employed it during his prolific tour of 1984-5. This tour, he has swept constantly and twice lost his wicket because of it.

Yet everyone who saw Gooch's century in Bombay in the 1987 World Cup semi-final remembers it for his successful sweeping.

The England team have talked about methods for dealing with the spinners but most seem determined to continue to play the shot, which is an important part of their armoury.

IN BRIEF

Unfit Lendl defers US cup slot

Ivan Lendl, who became an American citizen last year, has turned down an invitation from Tom Gorman, the United States Davis Cup tennis captain, to play against Australia next month.

"I told him I wasn't 100 per cent fit but that doesn't mean I wouldn't be interested in playing at a later time," Lendl, 32, who was born in Czechoslovakia, said.

☐ Paul Hand, of Berkshire, beat Pierre Bouteyre, of France, who is ranked 400 places above him, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 to reach the quarter-finals of the indoor satellite tournament in Manchester. Britons Andrew Richardson, Mark Petchey and Andrew Foster also reached the last eight.

Scotland could face All Blacks

Rugby union: Scotland are in the same half of the draw as New Zealand, South Africa and Western Samoa for the Hong Kong sevens next month. Ireland and the Welsh President's VII are in the other half, as are Fiji and Australia.
☐ Aran Verling, the London Irish flanker, has been banned from playing until March 30 after being sent off for stamping against Harlequins.

Wright returns

Cricket: John Wright will return from injury to open the batting for New Zealand in the first Test against Australia in Christchurch next week. Chris Cairns also has been recalled, after having a kidney operation.

Pession's title

Skiing: Spencer Pession, 21, took the men's giant slalom title at the British Land British national championships in Tignes, France. Debbie Pratt added to her downhill title by winning the women's giant slalom.

Looking ahead

Olympics Games: Gay Mitchell, the lord mayor of Dublin, said yesterday technical reports costing about £1 million would be needed if the Irish capital wished to bid for the Olympics as early as 2004. "A Dublin bid could become a reality," Mitchell said.

Lessing indoors

Triathlon: Simon Lessing, of Britain, the world champion, will take on Mark Allen, the triple Hawaii Ironman winner, in a new indoor super-sprint event in Bordeaux this weekend.

Ward sidelined

Rugby league: St Helens, the first division leaders, will be without Kevin Ward for their closing championship games. The prop forward has a broken thumb.

Test for Belles

Football: Doncaster Belles, the women's national league champions, host Arsenal, the unbeaten league leaders and League Cup holders, at their Armthorpe Miners Welfare Club ground on Sunday.

White designated

American football: The Philadelphia Eagles may designate Reggie White, a free agent, as a "franchise player", ensuring a compensatory draft choice if he joins another National Football League team.

GOLF

Gilford puts case for successful defence

DAVID Gilford, the Ryder Cup player, set the early pace with an opening round of 68 in the Moroccan Open at Golf Royal de Agadir yesterday.

Gilford, 27, who won the title last year, began badly 12 months ago, scoring a first-round 76, but finished the tournament so strongly he went on to beat Robert Karlsson, of Sweden, in a sudden death play-off at the third extra hole.

Yesterday Gilford, from Crewe, began in more positive manner with birdies at each of the first three holes and, after dropping a shot at the 348-yard seventh, had two more birdies at the tenth and eleventh, his famed accuracy off the tee used to good effect.

His nearest early challengers were David Curry, the former Walker Cup player, and Miguel Angel Martin, of Spain.

Seve Ballesteros, the pre-tournament favourite despite admitting he he is in a slump, began badly, dropping three shots on the first eight holes, but recovered with birdies at the tenth and twelfth to hand in a card of 73. He was joined on the same score by Steve Richardson, of Hampshire, and Gordon Brand Jnr.

Jim Payne, the European Tour Rookie of the Year in 1992, was challenging the leaders at one time after he played the first eight holes, from the tenth, in three under par.

Gilford bogeyed the 15th to slip to three under but he had a magnificent eagle three at the 511-yards 17th to go to five under. He dropped another shot at the last but was still leading the field with the wind getting up.

☐ Defending champion Vijay Singh, of Fiji, shot a round of 67 to share the first-round lead with three other players in the Malaysian Open in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.
Ian Woosnam scored a two-under-par 70.

☐ Peter Senior, of Australia, was almost £50,000 richer yesterday after a hole-in-one at the 150-yard par-three fifteenth in the opening round of the Australian Masters in Melbourne.
He finished on a five-under-par total of 68 along with four other players, who all trail the leader, Craig Parry, of Australia, by one shot after the first day.

On the road with Newcastle's black-and-white army

SHAUN BOTTERILL/ALLSPORT



Rainbow warrior: one of Newcastle's travelling faithful leads the support at Ewood Park as Tyneside's FA Cup roadshow takes centre stage at Blackburn



FREUD ON FRIDAY

Six more officers waited outside the station, giving us hard looks. A 60p bus took us onwards, crawling through the traffic to our destination: in front of us, behind and at our side were cars from Geordieland, each bearing four passengers dressed in black and white, like Homepride men without bowler hats. Along the pavements walked the indigenous Rovers fans, Lowry-like figures looking straight in front of them, knowing that when it came to being football supporters, they were outperformed by the men from the north-east. The only chance of success was victory on the field of play ... unlikely considering their recent results.

With an hour to kick-off, the crowd milling outside the ground split into factions: there were the macho men marching around with short-sleeved black-and-white shirts; the slightly less macho, who wore their shirts over long-sleeved jerseys, and the hardly-macho-at-all, wrapped in anoraks with just a fringe of black and white to show that their hearts were on Tyneside.

The home supporters were noticeable for sartorial neglect: their's not to make a scene but to swell the numbers, do their duty.

Half a dozen mounted police, including the strawberry lozenge woman, patrolled the area: home fans at one end, visitors at t'other: worthies, season-ticket holders and neighbourhood gods in the middle. All ticket. No black marketeers or touts.

I squeezed through a turnstile built for anorexics — Sir Cyril from down the road at Rochdale would not have made it — took my seat at the back of the stand: to my right, the black and white scarved crowd was punching the air, singing "Noo-car-sale, noo-car-sale, noo-car-sale" to the tune of "Here we go, here we go": on the left, at the Northern end, the local fans were nodding their heads, stamping their feet: cold rather than passion.

As the teams took the field, the people in front of me rose to their feet and I wondered why one buys seats when it is so much more fun to stand.

"Uriyafo?" said the man on my left. I thought about this for a while and told him I was neutral. He shook his head in wonderment. "Wireyahee?" I let it pass.

At half-time, there was a rumour of tea and snacks; I stood in a queue, watched a number of people carrying cups and handsomely-glazed meat-pies anointed with blobs of ketchup ... but when the whistle blew to restart the game, the source of this palatable goodness was still out of sight and I returned to my seat.

"Que sera sera ..." sang the visiting supporters, an odd choice of lyrics for a nil-nil scoreline. "Whooyathinkfwn?" asked my neighbour. "Replay" I said.

On the train back to London, I met two dozen members of the London Newcastle United supporters club who had paid £20 for the return ticket from Euston to Blackburn ... only they had to leave the match three minutes before the end to catch the connection and missed the 89th-minute goal that gave victory to the home side. "Wewuzrobd" said a woman in a black and white striped opera cloak.

To the armchair football supporter, an attendance figure shy of 20,000 appears respectable without being remarkable. To the people of Blackburn, it seemed as if the world was descending on their city and, for those who lived or traded in the Ewood Park area, south of town down the Bolton Road, it was cause for alarm. Newcastle United and their supporters were arriving for an FA Cup tie.

Wing Fat, the Chinese takeaway a few hundred yards from the ground, had closed. The adjacent newsagent displayed a local paper placard proclaiming "Thieves steal widow's ashes from cemetery".

On the corner, a building that was long and low and dark, reminiscent of a public bath-house fallen on hard times, turned out to be the Ewood and Haslingden Conservative Association, had locked its doors: speakeasy-like people knocked, waited, were examined and admitted: unlikely Tory voters most of them.

A betting office was doing moderate business: a neighbourhood shop behind a "tea, coffee, soup, sandwiches" sign had the punters going in and out. I went in, as much for warmth as sustenance: could have bought half a pound of lard for 23p, settled for chicken soup at 40p in a plastic cup — a price at which you have no right to criticise anything but the temperature. It was hot. A policewoman with a pig-tail came in and rumbled knowledgeably among the boiled sweets, was sorry they did not stock strawberry lozenges.

I had arrived at Blackburn Station on a "sprinter" train from Halifax; me, a hundred football-bound men and boys and two special constables detailed to keep an eye on us. We were 55 minutes late — the train in front of us having failed at Accrington — but we took it well though one of the policemen displayed a shirty attitude at the delay.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Runs to resort	Weather	Temp °C	Last snow fall
NORWAY							
Hafjell	35	45	good	good	overcast	-1	17/2
(7/8 lifts open. 200km cross-country skiing)							
Voss	40	250	new snow	new snow	snow	0	18/2
(All lifts open. 20km cross-country skiing)							
AUSTRIA							
Alpbach	15	70	good	worn	cloudy	-2	17/2
(Good cover on hard-packed base. 70% of runs open)							
Schladming	15	90	good	slick	snow	0	18/2
(Light snowfall on upper. Best snow on north-facing runs)							
St Anton	30	125	good	open	bright	1	17/2
(Dry snow on firm base. All lifts and runs open)							
Zell am See	15	120	hardpacked	open	overcast	0	17/2
(New snow above mid-station. 24/26 lifts open)							
FRANCE							
Alpe d'Huez	20	250	good	poor	bright	4	27/1
(50% of area open. Artificial snow on lower runs)							
Chamonix	15	300	good	thin	bright	0	28/1
(Some pistes skied out. Best snow on upper runs)							
Les Deux Alpes	20	220	good	closed	sunny	5	9/2
(Hard snow above mid-station. Some slick patches)							
Val Thorens	80	300	hard	icy	sunny	-1	27/1
(Spring snow on south-facing slopes. All runs groomed)							
SWITZERLAND							
Adelboden	30	80	fair	closed	cloudy	1	17/2
(Best snow on upper levels. 75% of lifts open)							
C Montana	5	200	fair	thin	cloudy	0	28/1
(Spring snow on all levels)							
Gstaad	5	40	good	thin	cloudy	1	28/1
(Dry, packed snow on upper runs. Wet snow on lower)							
Morgins	0	25	fair	closed	sunny	3	17/2
(Light cover of new snow improving worn upper runs)							
ITALY							
Bormio	10	150	compact	hard	sunny	0	27/1
(Artificial snow on lower slopes. 15/17 lifts open)							
UNITED STATES							
Mammoth	240	400	good	good	cloudy	-1	16/2
(Excellent skiing at all levels on both mountains)							
Vail	140	190	new snow	new snow	snow	-5	18/2
(Plenty of fresh snow. All lifts and trails open)							

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FOOTBALL: HOME TRUTHS MUST BE ABSORBED TO BOOST WORLD CUP PROSPECTS

Jess provides new impetus for Scotland's campaign

BY RODDY FORSYTH

THE odds against Scotland qualifying for the World Cup finals next year have scarcely been transformed by the 3-0 win over Malta at Ibrox on Wednesday. But they have been trimmed and there are grounds for at least a degree of optimism as Andy Roxburgh, their coach, begins to plan for the trip to Lisbon in April.

Although Scotland now sit third in the group one table, level with Italy on points, the Italians have a game in hand and the Portuguese have two. Nevertheless, this section has been volatile since it began.

Switzerland cannot be overtaken as front-runners before the summer but although their position is strong, they specialise in squandering advantages. They took a point from Italy in Bari in October but they were 2-0 ahead with fifteen minutes to play.

Having stuttered at home, the Italians were hardly impressive when winning 2-1 in Malta, where the home side missed a penalty. Portugal, too, won in Malta by a thin margin and the Maltese penchant for making life difficult was demonstrated when they scored in Berne, forcing the Swiss to live on their nerves before achieving a 3-1 victory.

The Swiss manager, Roy Hodgson, who was at Ibrox on Wednesday, said: "Scotland did everything right, except for McAllister's penalty kick and that was unlucky. If the penalty had gone in I think Scotland would have run up a high score."

Roxburgh's summary was identical. "When Gary's penalty kick hit the bar and bounced on the line I feared that it would give them heart. There is no doubt in my mind that we would have piled up the goals if he had scored, because they would have been two down after half an hour and they would have known they were beaten."

When it became evident that Malta's tactics had produced a degree of monotony in the Scottish approach, Roxburgh made an astute substitution, replacing McPherson with Robertson and pushing Eion Jess wide to the right.

"We decided to use two wingers to vary our attacks and keep Malta guessing," Roxburgh said. "It worked because we started to push into their penalty area from both sides and that helped wear them down".

Although McCoist increased his total of goals for the season to 44, the most pleasing aspect of Scotland's play was the performance of Jess, from Aberdeen, whose speed of thought and execution were remarkable. "For me he came of age as an international player in the first half hour," Roxburgh said.

Scotland now have a friendly against Germany to help Jess bed down in the team before the game in Portugal, where a draw would brighten their prospects significantly.

Confident Charlton dismisses Northern Ireland's chances

BY IAN ROSS

IT WAS difficult to decide whether it was Billy Bingham or Jack Charlton who was the more content after Northern Ireland's defeat of Albania in a World Cup qualifying fixture in Tirana on Wednesday afternoon.

Having seen his country force its way back into contention in group three with a diligent performance against awkward opposition, Bingham's sense of satisfaction was immediate. Charlton, the manager of the Republic of Ireland, was present at the game but said he would not be losing a great deal of sleep before the two Irish sides meet in Dublin next month, despite the quality of Northern Ireland's performance.

Although Bingham's team has moved them up into third place in the group table, level on points with the Republic after having played one more fixture, Charlton, it would seem, remains unconvinced about their pedigree.

"We do not take anyone lightly but, to be honest, I am not too concerned about Northern Ireland," he said. "Yes, they are level on points with us but they now have have four exceptionally difficult games coming up — all away from home.

"I do still believe that it is a case of picking two qualifiers from a group of three — Spain, Denmark and ourselves. Having said that, I would love to find a situation where ourselves and Northern Ireland meet in Belfast for our last fixture both requiring one point to reach the United States."



Charlton: unconvinced

Bingham had not been amused to discover that Charlton had booked himself on to a specially chartered plane to Albania and, predictably, he was swift to decry his opposite number's somewhat biased forecast.

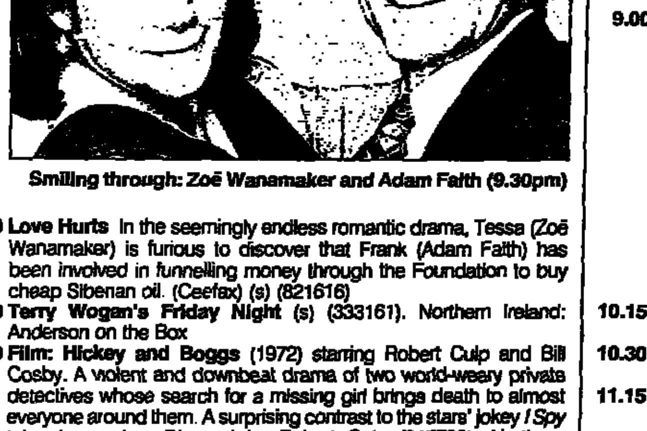
"It is premature and presumptuous of Jack Charlton say that we are the outsiders," he said. "Obviously, if we can get a result in Dublin, we will have a chance of qualifying."

The Irish Football Association has officially protested to Fifa, the game's world governing body, about the conditions the players and the rest of their party were forced to endure during the course of their trip to Albania.

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (48451)
7.00 Breakfast News (83221109)
9.05 Kilroy Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (9353154) **9.45 Ross King** Game show (s) (6111600)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (9793068) **10.05 Playdays.** For the very young (s) (6680838)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick Weekday magazine series presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen Today's edition includes showbusiness news, a romantic tale, a topical phone-in and consumer affairs (s) With **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **11.00** and **12.00** (10887277)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Alan Titchmarsh is joined by author and playwright Alan Bleasdale (s) (7551703) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (96343074)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (73074)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (87863432) **1.50 Eldorado** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (78829819)
2.20 First Letter First Word game hosted by Don Maclean (s) (14234154) **2.45 The Flying Doctors.** Australian drama series set in the outback (s) (1560093)
3.30 Barney Bear Double Bill (8681987) **3.45 Juniper Jungle** (s) (8897180) **3.55 Quick Draw McGraw** (r) (8893364) **4.05 Jackanory** Adrian Edmondson with the last part of *Harvey Angell* (2549548) **4.15 Rude Dog and the Dweebs** (1929567) **4.30 The Really Wild Show.** Nature series presented by Terry Nutkins, Chris Packham and Michaela Strachan. This week's edition features a meeting between an Indian tiger cub and a young African lion. (Ceefax) (s) (3050906)
4.55 Newsround Extra: What Future the Monarchy? Krishnan Guru-Murthy reveals the result of a survey of children's attitudes towards the royal family (3492797) **5.05 Grange Hill**. Comprehensive school drama serial. (Ceefax) (s) (8801567)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (152838). Northern Ireland. Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (884)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (364). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado (Ceefax) (s) (6548)
7.30 Entertainment Express Showbusiness and media magazine presented by Selina Scott and John Leslie. Among those taking part are the American film-maker Spike Lee, who talks about his chances of winning an Oscar this year; Steven Seagal, star of the hit American film *Under Siege*, and Leslie Grantham who discusses his first comic role with Andi Peters (548). Northern Ireland. Sportscene
8.00 All Creatures Great and Small: The Rough and the Smooth. Siegfried (Robert Hardy) sings the praises of his new time-management system but it is of no use when he has to treat an exuberant Great Dane (r) (452548)
8.50 Points of View presented by Anne Robinson (s) (841451)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (2567)

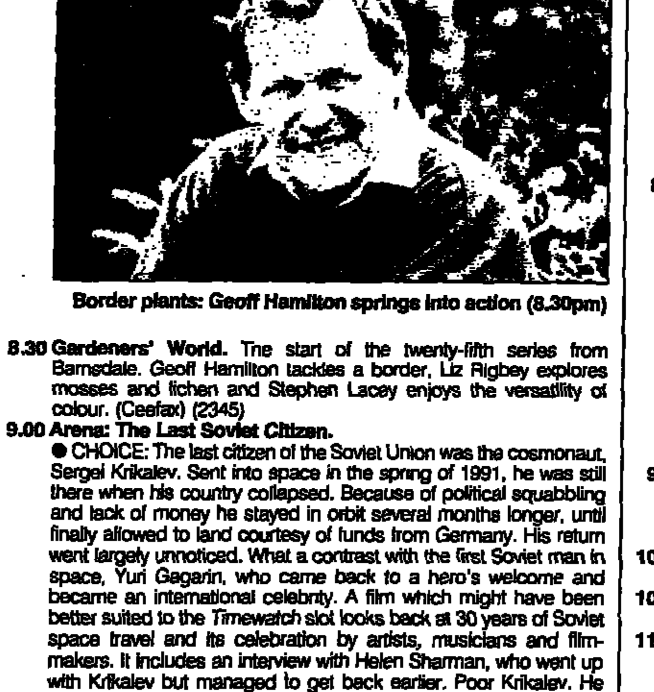


Smiling through: Zoë Wanamaker and Adam Faith (9.30pm)

9.30 Love Hurts In the seemingly endless romantic drama, Tessa (Zoë Wanamaker) is furious to discover that Frank (Adam Faith) has been involved in funnelling money through the Foundation to buy cheap Siberian oil. (Ceefax) (s) (821616)
10.20 Terry Wogan's Friday Night (s) (333161). Northern Ireland: Anderson on the Box
11.00 Film: Hickey and Boggs (1972) starring Robert Culp and Bill Cosby. A violent and downbeat drama of two world-weary private detectives whose search for a missing girl brings death to almost everyone around them. A surprising contrast to the stars' jokey *I Spy* television series. Directed by Robert Culp (917703). Northern Ireland: 11.10 Entertainment Express 11.40 Terry Wogan 12.20-2.15 Film: Gator; Wales: International Squash 11.30 Film: Hickey and Boggs 1 20 News and weather
12.50am Weather (7340914)

BBC2

6.45 Open University. Maths — Population Modelling (4335180) **7.10** Developing World: I Used to Work in the Fields (8710839) **7.35** Maths: Symbols and Equations (4509600)
8.00 Breakfast News (5297432)
8.15 Westminster (2453884)
9.00 Daytime On Two Educational programmes. Includes, for children, **1.20 Fingermouse** (80431567) **1.35 Dilly the Dinosaur** (90265884)
2.00 News and weather followed by **Words and Pictures** (s) (51574987) **2.15 Jumpcuts**. A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (r) (54093987)
2.20 Sport on Friday presented by Helen Rollason. Bowls: the Midland Bank world indoor championship from Preston. Rugby Union: a preview of Saturday's games between Scotland and Wales at Murrayfield and Ireland v France at Lansdowne Road; Football: a review of the week's World Cup games. Includes **News** and weather at **3.00** and **3.50** (93963364)
6.00 Stingray. Classic puppet adventures. (Ceefax) (468797)
6.25 The Man From UNCLE. Robert Vaughn and David McCallum star as the UNCLE agents Solo and Kuryakin, here thwarting THRUSH's plans to control worldwide volcanic activity (r). (Ceefax) (501432)
7.15 Dr Who The first of a four-part adventure, *The Caves of Androzani*, starring Peter Davison in the title role (r). (Ceefax) (291987)
7.40 Public Eye Special: Cole on the Dole.
● CHOICE. Having reported on unemployment for many years from Westminster, John Cole now samples it on the ground. He takes a long perspective, seeking parallels and contrasts with the depression of the Thirties and invoking classic accounts such as Priestley's *English Journey* and Orwell's *The Road to Wigan Pier*. Then the unemployed were mainly working class and a long way from London. Now the south is being hit as well, and so is the middle class. Cole's other literary peg is the autobiography of Nigel Lawson, which he regards as the fullest and most honest account of the Thatcher experiment by an insider. Cole reports from Scotswood in the north-east, where only a fifth of workers have full-time jobs, and the south Yorkshire mining village of Thurnscoe, which lost its main pit five years ago (661074)

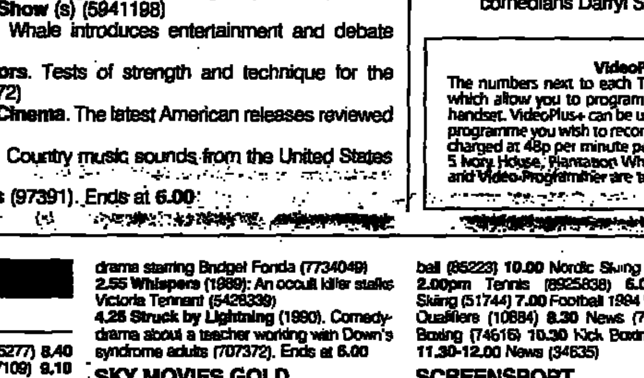


Border plants: Geoff Hamilton springs into action (8.30pm)

8.30 Gardeners' World. The start of the twenty-fifth series from Barnsdale. Geoff Hamilton tackles a border, Liz Rigbey explores mosses and lichen and Stephen Lacey enjoys the versatility of colour. (Ceefax) (2345)
9.00 Arena: The Last Soviet Citizen.
● CHOICE: The last citizen of the Soviet Union was the cosmonaut, Sergei Krikalev. Sent into space in the spring of 1991, he was still there when his country collapsed. Because of political squabbling and lack of money he stayed in orbit several months longer, until finally allowed to land courtesy of funds from Germany. His return went largely unnoticed. What a contrast with the first Soviet man in space, Yuri Gagarin, who came back to a hero's welcome and became an international celebrity. A film which might have been better suited to the *Timewatch* slot looks back at 30 years of Soviet space travel and its celebration by artists, musicians and film-makers. It includes an interview with Helen Sharman, who went up with Krikalev but managed to get back earlier. Poor Krikalev. He now earns less than a taxi-driver (8062567)
10.15 Dinomania. An exploration of the current cult of the dinosaur (294600)
10.30 Newsnight. Peter Snow chairs a discussion on the management of the British economy (765426)
11.15 The What The Papers Say Awards 1992, presented by Lord McGregor at the Savoy Hotel in London (646567). Wales: Wales in Westminster 11.45 The What the Papers Say Awards
12.00 Weather (7079020)
12.05am Heimat (colour and b/w). Episode five of the 11-part German epic tracing the lives of three village families from the years 1919 to 1982 (5747681). Ends at **1.10**. Wales: 12.30-1.30 Heimat

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV presented by Michael Wilson until **7.00** when Eamonn Holmes and Anne Davies take over The guests include Right Said Fred, the Chieftains, Robert Powell and Roy Barraclough (6133068)
9.25 Runway. Quiz game hosted by Richard Madeley Last in the series (9381277) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6666258)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Topical discussion (9966616)
10.35 This Morning with Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley (80435548)
12.10 Tots TV Learning fun with puppets (s) (9443613)
12.30 Lunchtime News (Teletext) Weather (1803432) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (80423548)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama (Teletext) (524635) **1.45 A Country Practice** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (523906)
2.15 Life Goes On American domestic drama (9569277)
3.10 ITN News headlines (7946548) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7945819) **3.20 Blockbusters** General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness (s) (5739600)
3.50 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends Animation (r) (3106426) **3.55 Zzzap!** The television comic (5870703) **4.15 Talespin** Animation (r) (s) (3975155) **4.40 Just Us** The first of a new series of the drama about family life. (Teletext) (s) (8369722)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (8895906)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) Weather (755074)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) (83890)
7.00 Celebrity Squares Bob Monkhouse is joined by Roger DeCourcey, Judi Spiers, Shane Richie, Geoff Capes, Ken Morley, Ruth Madoc, Michael Groth, Terry Alderton and Pat Coombs (s) (1616)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (616)
8.00 The Bill: Hard Man. Sun Hill officers are puzzled about a man's desperation to get into a grotty bed and breakfast (Teletext) (5744)

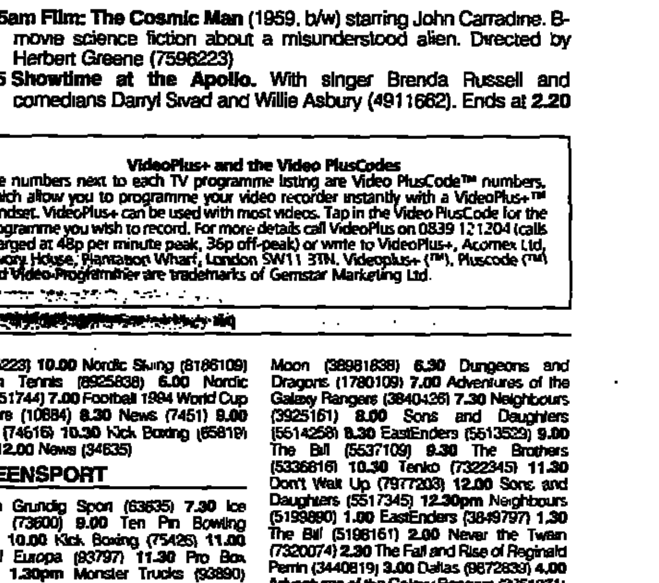


Unmasked: Duncan Preston, Nichola McAuliffe (8.30pm)

8.30 Surgical Spirit: Congratulations.
● CHOICE: The medical comedy moves merrily into a new series, with the imperious surgeon Sheila (Nichola McAuliffe) at last consummating her affair with the wimpish Jonathan (Duncan Preston). But since their on-off romance has been one of the comic linchpins of the series, how can *Surgical Spirit* survive now that it has been removed? The answer seems to be very well thank you. First the pair must suffer the embarrassment of imparting the news to their colleagues There are jokes to be squeezed out of that. Then it emerges that Sheila has been promoted to director of surgery, to the fury of her male rivals. All this and a running gag about greasy breakfasts. *Surgical Spirit* is not a great sitcom but it is a likable one, thanks to Peter Learmouth's neat scripts and a cast which plays them to the hilt. (Teletext) (6971)
9.00 The Good Guys. Trouble is in the air when Lofthouse (Keith Barron) is entrusted with the safekeeping of a King Charles spaniel which promptly disappears. Also starring Nigel Havers, Joanna David and Stratford Johns. (Teletext) (s) (9109)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (65906) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (696432)
10.40 Love and War. American romantic comedy about an attraction of opposites. Starring Susan Dey and Jay Thomas (s) (485682)
11.05 The London Programme Special: Under the Knife. From the Royal College of Physicians the health secretary, Virginia Bottomley, debates the changes she has implemented for London hospitals (735890)
12.05am TV Dating. Match-making service for singles (7492556)
12.35am The ITV Chart Show (s) (5941198)
1.35 Whale On. James Whale introduces entertainment and debate (1934681)
2.40 American Gladiators. Tests of strength and technique for the super-fit (s) (1846372)
3.45 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. The latest American releases reviewed (68803730)
4.10 Austin City Limits. Country music sounds from the United States (2030407)
5.30 ITN Morning News (97391). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Sesame Street (r) (9217068) **6.45 Spiff and Hercules** (9258703)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin The guests include Richard Norton of *Home and Away* (90797)
9.00 You Bet Your Life American game show (s) (79155)
9.30 Schools (243616)
12.00 The Parliament Programme. Elinor Goodman with a round up of news from both Houses (62819)
12.30 Sesame Street (18277) **1.30 Lift Off** (s) (95664)
2.00 Film: Magnificent Doll (1946, b/w) starring Ginger Rogers, David Niven and Burgess Meredith Period romantic drama, based on fact about a widow who courted a traitor but eventually married the fourth president of the United States, James Madison. Directed by Frank Borzage (526987)
3.40 Joe McDoakes (b/w) Joe (George O'Hanlon) worries about losing his hair (8603109)
3.55 Survival: A Robe of White. Antarctic wildlife (r) (8471364)
4.30 Countdown with Richard Whiteley. (Teletext) (s) (529)
5.00 Cutting Edge: Undercover. An investigation into the plight of Britain's low paid (r) (Teletext) (8529)
6.00 Blossom American high school comedy series (s) (722)
6.30 Happy Days. Fonzie is bemused by his friend Potsie's ability to find the wherewithal to date a rich girl. (Teletext) (154)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (164345)
7.50 First Reaction. Mark Lawson comments on the success of the BBC sitcom *One Foot in the Grave* (719093)
8.00 Brother Felix and the Virgin Saint. The story of a 15th-century German monk who travelled 3,000 miles to touch the bones of his favourite saint (r). (Teletext) (8906)
8.30 Brookside Topical soap set in a suburban Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s) (4513)
9.00 Gardens Without Borders. Alan Mason leads his group of gardening enthusiasts to Chartres which boasts an island bedding scheme, and to the garden of La Comptesse Helene D'Andlau (Teletext) (s) (5277)
9.30 Cheers The staff and regulars of the popular Boston bar prepare Thanksgiving Day celebrations (Teletext) (s) (93277)
10.00 Roseanne Wisecracking American domestic comedy series (Teletext) (s) (63548)
10.30 Absolutely Off-beat comedy This week the gang explore the excitement of garden furniture (s) (304123)
11.05 The Word Music and style magazine. The guests include American masochist Jim Rose, and there is music from Manxman and Espiritu (s) (733432)



Peace envoy: extra-terrestrial John Carradine (12.05am)

12.05am Film: The Cosmic Man (1959, b/w) starring John Carradine. B-movie science fiction about a misunderstood alien. Directed by Herbert Greene (7596223)
1.25 Showtime at the Apollo. With singer Brenda Russell and comedians Darryl Sivad and Willie Asbury (4911662). Ends at **2.20**

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VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (5739600) **5.10-5.40** Package Pilgrims (8895906) **6.00** Home and Away (551451) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (311426) **10.45** Anglia Live (668838) **11.45** Married...with Children (103432) **12.10-1.05** Night Heat (9379952) **2.05** Raw Power (3446556) **3.05** Entertainment UK (4219914) **4.00** Sportsworld (59339) **4.30** Riviera (28310) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (99310)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (524635) **1.45** Home and Away (523906) **2.15** Wild America (19284659) **2.40-3.10** Take the High Road (9019703) **3.20-3.50** (5739600) GP **5.10-5.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (8895906) **6.00** Home and Away (551451) **6.25-7.00** Central News (311426) **10.40** Central Weekend (1210762) **12.10** Film. Murder at the Mardi Gras (609223) **1.55** Whale On (4741914) **2.55** The Beat (8774594) **3.55** Sprockets (68823594) **4.25** Jobfinder (5306876) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (3156310)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (524635) **1.45** Home and Away (523906) **2.15-3.10** Highway to Heaven (9569277) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5739600) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (8895906) **6.00** Home and Away (180) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (432) **10.40** Up Front (967277) **11.40** TV Film: Night of Terror (550426) **1.00-1.05** Night Shift (3166310) **2.05** Raw Power (3446556) **3.05** Entertainment UK (4219914) **4.00** Sportsworld (59339) **4.30** Riviera (28310) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (99310)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45 Wish You Were Here..? (523906) **2.15-3.10** A Country Practice (9569277) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5739600) **6.00** HTV News (180) **6.30-7.00** HTV Sportsweek (432) **10.40** Late and Live (1210762) **12.10-1.05** Night Heat (9379952) **2.05** Raw Power (2446556) **3.05** Entertainment UK (4219914) **4.00** Sportsworld (59339) **4.30** Riviera (28310) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (99310)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Get Going **10.40** Storyline **11.10-12.10** Island Son

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15pm Future Perfect (515987) **2.45-3.10** Wish You Were Here ? (2612258) **3.20-3.51** The Young Doctors (5739600) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (83890) **10.40** Film. Murder By Decree (64988695) **12.40am-1.05** Married.. with Children (4794827) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (4583827) **2.35** Raw Power (9285136) **3.35** Cue the Music (5327643) **4.30** Country Ways (28310) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (99310)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.45-3.05 Film: Matt Helm (5211529) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5739600) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (180) **6.30-7.00** Friday Documentary (432) **10.40** Head to Head (967277) **11.40-1.05** Film: The Silent Gun (647906) **2.05** The Big E (3458391) **3.00** Film: The Duke of West Point (83353) **5.00-5.30** Challenge of the Seas (8629049)

ULSTER
As London except: 1.45-3.10 Film: Made in Heaven (5211529) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (83890) **10.40** Kelly (1210762) **12.10-1.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H (9379952) **2.05** Raw Power (3446556) **3.05** Entertainment UK (4219914) **4.00** Sports World (59339) **4.30** Riviera (28310) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (99310)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45 Blockbusters (523906) **2.15** Wish You Were Here ? (515987) **2.45-3.10** Gardener's Diary (2612258) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (5739600) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (83890) **10.40** Westwise (187093) **11.15-1.05** Film: Dracula AD 1972 (Peter Cushing, Christopher Lee, Stephanie Beacham) (925722) **2.05** Raw Power (3446556) **3.05** Entertainment UK (4219914) **4.00** Sportsworld (59339) **4.30** Riviera (28310) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (99310)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.45-3.05 Film: Matt Helm (5211529) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5739600) **5.55** Calendar (147258) **6.30-7.00** Superchamps (432) **10.40** Musical Routes (187093) **11.10** Married...with Children (674249) **11.40-1.05** Film: The Silent Gun (647906) **2.05** The Big E (3458391) **3.00** Film: The Duke of West Point (83353) **5.00-5.30** Challenge of the Seas (99310)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (90797) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (79155) **9.30** Ysgolion (243616) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (62819) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (45123) **1.00** Lift Off (93884) **1.30** Close To Home (95664) **2.00** Film: Those She Left Behind (12161) **3.30** Song of the Prairie (6928451) **3.55** Birdscape (6830242) **4.25** Slot 23 (8621258) **5.00** Countdown (2722) **5.30** Brookside (109) **6.00** News (928109) **6.10** Heno (513277) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (9258) **7.30** Y Maes Chwarae (258) **8.00** Cefn Gwlad (8906) **8.30** News (674616) **8.55** I'r Bur Hoff Bau (701451) **9.45** San Steffan (598258) **10.00** Nurses (63548) **10.30** Absolutely (304123) **11.05** The Word (733432) **12.05** Film: Cosmic Man (7596223) **1.25** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (36165277) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (5567109) **9.10** Cartoons (8204987) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (35277) **10.00** Strike It Rich (94093) **10.30** The Bold and the Beautiful (14249) **11.00** Hart to Hart (11258) **12.00** Falcon Crest (45600) **1.00pm** E Street (15074) **1.30** Another World (1169221) **2.15** Santa Barbara (162619) **2.45** Maude (154890) **3.15** The New Leave It To Beaver (151703) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (9739154) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (4109) **6.00** Rescue (5513) **6.30** E Street (2093) **7.00** Alf (5838) **7.30** Family Ties (8277) **8.00** Code 3 (1258) **8.30** Allen Nation (20109) **9.30** WWF Superstars of Wrestling (92616) **10.30** Studs (64706) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (25451) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (16384) **8.30** News and Business Report (743871) **9.30** Nightline (24971) **10.30** 48 Hours (86277) **11.30** International Business Report (99529) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (80093) **1.30** Good Morning America (81722) **2.30** Parliament (70703) **3.30** The Lords (17635) **4.30** News and Business Report (8890) **5.00** Live at Five (96161) **6.30** News and Business Report (88722) **7.30** Talking with David Frost in South Africa (6819) **10.30** Talking with David Frost in South Africa (38242) **11.30** ABC News (23433) **12.30pm** 48 Hours (31469) **1.30** ABC News (20812) **2.30** Travel Destinations (32020) **3.30** ABC News (44865) **4.30** *Financial Times* Reports (39372) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (42865)

SKY MOVIES+
6.00am Showcase (2600906)
10.00 Lonely in America (1990): Comedy about an Asian man in New York (40109)
12.00 Silver Lode (1954): Western (32187)
2.00pm Supermom's Daughter (1990): A teenage girl opposes her mother (80690)
3.00 On a Clear Day You Can See Forever (1970): Musical with Barbra Streisand (707364) **5.30 Xposure:** Film news (4448)
6.00 Lonely in America (as 10am) (74551722)
8.00 Accidents (1988): Two scientists attempt to destroy an anti-terrorist invention that has fallen into enemy hands (23032451)
10.00 The Dark Side of the Moon (1990). An alien force threatens a team of space explorers (726141)
11.35 A.W.O.L. (1990). Bare-knuckle boxing with Jean-Claude Van Damme (330890)
1.25am Leather Jackets (1990). Urban drama starring Bridget Fonda (7734049)
2.55 Whispers (1989): An occult killer stalks Victoria Tennant (5426339)
4.25 Struck by Lightning (1990). Comedy-drama about a teacher working with Down's syndrome adults (707372). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Waterloo Bridge (1940, b/w): Robert Taylor and Vivien Leigh star as ill-fated lovers (43258)
8.00 Hombre (1967) Paul Newman as a white man raised by Indians (48703)
10.00 The Missionary (1983): Michael Palin establishes a home for fallen women (79646). Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.35am Beach Party (1963) (47308432)
8.20 Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead (1991) Tom Stoppard's comic interpretation of *Hamlet* (93406987)
10.20 Lies My Father Told Me (1975) A boy idolises his grandfather (13442797)
12.05pm Mr Smith Goes to Washington (1939, b/w): With James Stewart (32857432)
2.20 Treasure Island. Cartoon (1531906)
3.40 Alakazam the Great (1961): Cartoon about an arrogant monkey (5473722)
5.05 Branded (1950): Western (15633190)
7.00 Honey, I Shrunk the Kids (1989). Rick Moranis as a suburban inventor (29277)
9.00 Edward Scissorhands (1990). Fairy-tale starring Johnny Depp (70364)
11.00 The Naked Gun 2½: The Smell of Fear (1991): Leslie Nielsen returns as the clumsy police detective (19161)
12.30am Alice (1990): Mia Farrow in Woody Allen's romantic comedy (996533)
2.20 Red Nights (1987) A young man descends into crime (319310)
3.55 Crime and Punishment (1935, b/w) American version of Dostoevsky's novel starring Peter Lorre (6957556)
5.25 Ghost in the Invisible Bikini (1966) Boris Karloff meets Tommy Kirk in the final *Beach Party* film (3187001) Ends at **6.45**

SKY SPORTS
6.00am Test Match Cricket: India v England (7735737) **11.30** Gillette Sports Special (96884) **12.00** European League (19884) **1.00pm** Golf Shoot Out (31548) **3.00** Red Line (90600) **4.00** Dubai Rugby Sevens (82635) **5.00** The Boot Room (3141) **6.00** Sky Soccer Weekend (15068) **7.00** The Big League (118613) **9.30** Test Match Cricket. India v England (34345) **11.30** Sky Soccer Weekend (42971) **12.30-3.00am** The Big League (155778) **3.45-6.00** Test Match Cricket: India v England (45660643)

EUROSPORT
6.00am Step Aerobics (77364) **8.30** Basketball (85223) **10.00** Nordic Skiing (8186109) **2.00pm** Tennis (8925838) **6.00** Nordic Skiing (51744) **7.00** Football 1994 World Cup Qualifiers (10884) **8.30** News (7451) **9.00** Boxing (74616) **10.30** Kick Boxing (65818) **11.30-12.00** News (34635)

SCREENSPORT
7.00am Grundig Sport (63635) **7.30** Ice Hockey (73600) **9.00** Ten Pin Bowling (41074) **10.00** Kick Boxing (75426) **11.00** Football Europa (93797) **11.30** Pro Box (14093) **1.30pm** Monster Trucks (93890) **2.00** Football Holland (46797) **3.30** Grundig Sport (9161) **4.00** Ice Hockey (31109) **5.30** NHL Review (56635) **6.30** NBA Action (3797) **7.00** Gillette Sports (9242) **7.30** Motorsport (20074) **8.30** Kick Boxing (44703) **9.30** Pro Box (49548) **10.30** Paris-Dakar Highlights (98635) **12.30am** Football Holland (96371) **1.30** Ice Hockey (78865) **3.30** NHL Review (60827) **4.30-6.00** Snooker (72001)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (38880155) **6.15** Button Moon (38981838) **6.30** Dungeons and Dragons (1780109) **7.00** Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (3840426) **7.30** Neighbours (3925161) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (5614258) **8.30** EastEnders (5613529) **9.00** The Bill (5537109) **9.30** The Brothers (5336816) **10.30** Tenko (7322345) **11.30** Don't Wait Up (7977203) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (5517345) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5199890) **1.00** EastEnders (3849797) **1.30** The Bill (5198161) **2.00** Never the Twain (7320074) **2.30** The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin (3440819) **3.00** Dallas (9672833) **4.00** Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (3351971) **4.30** Jossy's Giants (3357155) **5.00** Neighbours (7246426) **5.30** Dr Who (3444635) **6.00** The Brothers (5114109) **7.00** Never the Twain (7324890) **7.30** Don't Wait Up (3356884) **8.00** EastEnders (7340838) **8.30** The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin (7328345) **9.00** Tenko (3150068) **10.00** The Bill (5518074) **10.30** Alas Smith and Jones (5527722) **11.00** Dick Emery (3272695) **11.30** Film. Black Raven (1943, b/w) starring George Zucco and Bob Randall (8251703) **12.30-1.30am** Video Bites (9560759

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Women's Studies — Public Voices **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air, with Piers Burton-Page. Including Debussy (Canope, Les tierces alternées; Feux d'artifice, Préludes: Robert Casadesus, piano); Holst (Oriental Suite, Beni Mora: LPO under Adrian Boult); Haydn (Symphony No 28 in A: Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood); Elgar (Pomp and Circumstance March No 3 in C minor: BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis)
9.00 Composer of the Week. Witold Lutoslawski — The 1980s. Fanfare for Louisville, Partita, Interlude; Chain II; Chantefleurs et Chantefables
10.10 Morning Sequence. Giovanni Gabrieli (Canzona IV a 6 Philip Jones Brass Ensemble); Monteverdi (Hor che'l ciel e la terra: Glyndebourne Chorus; ECO under Raymond Leppard); Malipiero (String Quartet No 1, Rispetti e strambotti: Orpheus Quartet); Scarlatti (Sonatas in D, Kk214 and D minor, Kk213: Andreas Staier, harpsichord); Berio (Sequenza VII: Heinz Holliger, oboe); Scarlatti (Sonatas in D, Kk278 and A minor, Kk175); Donizetti (Sonata in F: Heinz Holliger, Gabriel Bürgin, piano); Dallapiccola (Piccolo Concerto per Muriel Couvreux: Bruno Canino, piano; Dallapiccola Ensemble under Luigi Suvini); Monteverdi (Vago augelletto); Gabrieli (Canzona XII a 8)
12.00 Berlioz: La mort de Cleopâtre; Nuits d'été (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Chamber Music from Manchester: Keith Swallow and John Wilson, piano duet/two pianos, perform Schubert (Marche caracteristique, D968 No 1; Eight Variations, D813; Polonaises in D minor, A and E, D824 Nos 1, 5 and 6), Lutoslawski (Variations on a theme of Paganini)
2.00 Youth Orchestras of the World. From the 1992 Aberdeen International Youth Festival, the Festival Orchestra and Chorus under Christopher Adey perform Brahms (Academic Festival Overture); Elgar (Enigma Variations); Beethoven (Mass in C)
3.40 Martinů and Petr Eben: Domus performs Martinů (Piano Quartet, 1942); Eben (Piano Trio) (r)
4.30 Songs to Help the Crops Grow. David Hughes presents traditional music of the aboriginal peoples of Taiwan
5.00 In Tune: Richard Baker talks to the conductor Sir Neville Marriner
7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra, live from the Festival Hall in London. Eduardo Mata conducts Mozart (Symphony No 35 in D, Haffner); Maxwell Davies (Trumpet Concerto: Håkan Hardenberger). **8.25** Walking My Mistress in Deauville, by Ronald Frame. (r). **8.45** Ravel (Valses nobles et sentimentales, La Valse)
9.20 South African Snapshots: Christopher Hope talks to South African writers André Brink, Patrick Cullinan and Stephen Gray
9.40 Latvia and Mexico Rasma Lielmane, violin, John York, piano, perform Kenins (Chaconne for solo violin); Pavasars (Andante sostenuto); Withols (Romance); Ponce (Sonata Breve); Tapio-Colman (Sonata, El Afilador); Halffter (Capriccio for solo violin)
10.45 Looking for Anaïs Nin
● CHOICE: Clues to the precise literary whereabouts of this pioneer of female sexuality are liberally scattered about in Kate Saunders's investigation. It is obvious that she is located somewhere in the erogenous zone inhabited by Henry Miller (who thought she had beautiful buttocks), D.H. Lawrence and André Breton It is debatable that there was much more to her than the distinction of having produced the first erotica to be written from a woman's viewpoint. The extracts from her books that we hear tonight suggest that the jury is still out
11.30 Midnight Oil: Alan Hall introduces environmental sounds from Stephen Micus and an improvisation by Conspiracy
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on **FM**
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the singer-songwriter Elvis Costello (r) (s)
9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley
10.00-10.30 News; Hindsight (FM only): Dr Christopher Andrew discovers black humour in crime, punishment and death. He listens to anecdotes about grave robbery, the last public executions, and the highwayman who found that crime did not pay
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Revelations of Divine Love (LW only), by the 14th-century religious thinker Julian of Norwich. Read by Hannah Gordon (2/12)
10.30 Woman's Hour discusses graduate unemployment; women and guns in the United States: and talks to the mountaineer Alison Hargreaves. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme, presented by Jessica Holm
12.00 You and Yours, with Tasmeen Siddiki
12.25pm The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) (s) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Classic Serial: Madame Bovary The final part of Gustave Flaubert's novel. With Nicola Pagett as Emma, Stephen Moore as Charles Bovary, Clive Swift as Monsieur Homais and Roger Allam as Rodolphe Boulanger (r) (s)
3.00 Special Assignment
3.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde investigates the role of the fiction editor; and the actor and writer Terence Stamp talks about his essential reading (s)
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope visits an exhibition of Roy Lichtenstein's work at the Tate Gallery in Liverpool; reviews a new production of *Trelawney of The Wells* at the National Theatre; looks at comedy on television; and discusses the work of four British artists at the Saatchi Gallery (s)
4.45 Short Story: Malgrátoute, by Lawrence Scott. Mr Wainwright is frustrated by life on a run-down sugar plantation. Read by Sean Barrett (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places: Transport news with Janet Trewin (s)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 Pick of the Week: Chris Serle presents extracts from BBC radio and television (s)
8.05 Any Questions? Vivien White chairs a discussion in Faversham, Kent, between Tony Banks, MP, Opposition environment spokesman; Baroness Flather of Windsor and Maidenhead; Sir Bernard Ingham, journalist and formerly Mrs Thatcher's chief press secretary; and Sheila McKechnie, director of Shelter
8.50 Law in Action, with Marcel Berlins
9.15 Kaleidoscope: King of the Z Movie. Nigel Forde talks to the film-maker Roger Corman, who was responsible for the Gothic style in films such as *House of Usher* and *The Pit and the Pendulum* (r)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: An Evil Cradling. Brian Keenan reads the final part of his account about the four and a half years he spent as a hostage in Lebanon
11.00 Week Ending A satirical review of the week's news (s)
11.25 The Financial Week, with Peter Day
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Gary Davies in the Afternoon **6.00** Mark Goodier's Mega Hits **6.30** News '93 **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **9.00** Friday Rock Show **11.00** John Peel (FM only from **12.00**) **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.00** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The Singer and the Song. Craig Douglas **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **9.30** Listen to the Band: The Brighouse and Rastrick Band under Alan Withington **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme from Edinburgh **12.05am** Jazz Parade **12.35-4.00** Charles Nove with Night Ride

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm. 3.55am-6.00** Test Match Special. India v England First day of the third Test **6.30** Morning Edition Update **6.45** Test Match Special **8.45** Morning Edition Update **9.05** Test Match Special **11.05** Janice Long with The AM Alternative **12.30pm** They Think It's All Over Sports quiz **1.05** Take Five **2.30** A Game of Two Halves **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** King Street Junior (r) **7.15** Simple Simon (final part) **7.30** Popcall **8.30** Euromix **9.30** Ruby III **10.10** Rave, incl **11.00** Sport **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport **3.55-6.30** Test Match Special: India v England. Second day of the third Test

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 4.30am** World Business Report **4.40** Travel and Weather **4.45** Programmes in German **5.30** Europe Today **5.59** Weather **6.00** News **6.14** Travel **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Programmes in French **6.59** Weather **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Taking Issue Around the World **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Music Review **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Global Concerns **9.30** Seven Seas **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News **10.01** Focus on Faith **10.30** John Sugar in Search of .. **11.00** Newsdesk **11.29** Travel **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Midday** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Taking Issue Around the World **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: Picnic at Hanging Rock **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** News **3.15** Music Review **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** Programmes in German **5.00** News and Business Report **5.14** Travel **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Programmes in French **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Programmes in German **8.00** News **8.10** The World Today **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Europe Tonight **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.10** News About Britain **10.15** People and Politics **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Worldbrief **11.30** Multitrack 3 **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** From the Weeklies **12.45** Recording of the Week **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Short Story: The Angels **1.45** Jazz Now and Then **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** News **3.10** News About Britain **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** The Vintage Chart Show **4.00** News **4.15** Good Books

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Jane Jones **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **1.00pm** Celebrity Choice (r) **2.00** Lunchtime Concerto: Ibert (Flute Concerto), Bach (Partita in B minor) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Classic FM Concert: Royal Liverpool PO under Pesek performs Strauss (Don Juan); Bruch (Violin Concerto No 1: Ralph Oleg) **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00am** Robert Booth

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Barnes: disappointing

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

UNLESS he consigns the evidence of an artificial mismatch to the dustbin, where, perhaps, it belongs, Graham Taylor has found more questions than answers in England's facile and laboured victory over San Marino.

With more pressing World Cup qualifying engagements on the horizon in the next three months, the chief of the England football manager's posers — and that is not yet a reference to the beleaguered John Barnes — is whether he should continue to put all his eggs in one basket, particularly when the basket has "Gazza — handle with care" written on the side.

With typical perversity, Paul Gascoigne chose on Wednesday night to have his worst game for England against one of the worst international teams in the world and had not David Platt, the new captain, who scored four of the six goals and missed a penalty, come to the rescue, England were in danger of becoming the laughing stock of Europe.

Three months ago, after Gascoigne led an impressive dissection of Turkey, Taylor was down on bended knee praying for divine protection for the man around whom he had constructed his team. Yesterday, he was reflecting anxiously on a performance by Gascoigne so jittery and uninspired that even the simple matter of taking a corner generally proved beyond him.

As the fate of England's World Cup challenge will almost certainly be decided before the end of this season — by visits to Turkey, Poland and Norway and a home tie against Holland — Gascoigne's disenchantment with life at Lazio, the root cause of his lethargy, threatens to destroy Taylor's long-term policy. It is no good having a team of tank engines, if the express is stuck in a siding.

A disciple of the "cuddle and kick" school of football management, Taylor included a little of both in his assessment of Gascoigne's fitness and state of mind yesterday: "He takes a bit of understanding and, as we know, he is an emotional boy. At the moment, he just seems unhappy.

"His fitness has slipped away in the past three months and it doesn't matter how gifted you are, if you're not fit you can't sustain it, particularly at international level. He knows that, but somewhere along the line he has got to take responsibility for it."

Another indifferent display by Barnes, who undeservedly took the blame for a collective lack of imagination, but who once more lacked conviction, is less damaging. England can live without Barnes, but not without Gascoigne.

While defending his former protégé to the hilt, even Taylor's patience must be starting to snap, like the Wembley crowd, who jeered the Liverpool captain mildly before the match and with increasing vehemence through it.

Though referring to the expectations built up by the press, Taylor had no idea why the crowd turned on Barnes so suddenly. "If we had spread out our goals, one every 15 minutes, people would have been happier," he said. By the time the rush came, with three goals in the last 15 minutes, the damage to Barnes's psyche had already been done.

Apart from a precious two points and a healthy boost to the goal difference, the main consolation on a largely frustrating night was provided by Platt, who kept his head capped his debut as captain with four goals.

"He makes the most of what he has," Taylor said: namely common sense, fitness and maturity, qualities markedly absent in his fellow Anglo-Italian. Platt has had to endure almost as many frustrations at Juventus as Gascoigne in Rome, but he seems to have grown with the challenge and it will surely be just a matter of time before he assumes the captaincy permanently.

Ferdinand's persistence was rewarded with a touch-in goal on his debut and he will be in the wings if Wright is unfit. The unsung pair of Batty and Palmer did their long-term causes no harm. The same cannot be said of international football. With due respect to the delightful San Marinesi, only limited amusement can be gained from watching such a one-sided spectacle.

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Ready or not, England are caught short



SIMON BARNES
at the Bombay Test

The plane to Bombay was full of an English club cricket tour. Clearly, they had before them the experience of a lifetime. So what were they discussing so avidly, and with such excitement, in the check-in queue? Their bowels.

Is this a particularly English trait? We take one of the most extraordinary places on earth, compelling and exasperating, horrific and glorious, and we turn it into a lavatory joke.

Reducing India to such a thing does not make it any easier to cope with. But what does? The England cricket team proudly left for India as "the best-prepared team ever to depart these shores".

Keith Fletcher, the manager, had been on a spying mission to South Africa to watch the Indians getting hammered. The players spent six weeks at Lilleshall, playing spin bowling on a special mat. What more could they do?

Now they are 2-0 down with the third and final Test starting here today, and they can only contemplate one of life's eternal truths: no one is ever prepared for India. Even those who prepare for India with love rather than lavatories in their hearts are, in the end, unprepared. India is always so much more — well, *Indian* — than you had bargained for. No matter how many times you have been here before, you are newly appalled, newly shocked, newly entranced.

To approach India on an adversarial basis must be infinitely worse. "The basic problem with the English cricketers lies in their attitude and not in the unfavourable conditions they perceive," the Indian sports magazine *Sportsworld* commented.

Graham Gooch, the England captain, was in one of his more clipped moods yesterday. He looked infinitely glum, so far as one could tell behind those ghastly Dame Edna sunglasses that sportsmen are required to wear these days. "We just haven't coped well with the conditions," he said.

But no, he was not talking about prawns *à la* Gooch, already a legendary dish. Fit again after his food poisoning, Gooch insisted that he meant not the condition of India, but the conditions of the cricket, and the problem of playing spin bowling on pitches tailored to Indian strengths. Opinions vary about the wicket — will it turn before lunch today?

But Gooch was not criticising even these conditions — only his team's inability to cope with them. Despite all the preparations, the England batsmen have been found unprepared in India. Salisbury and Tufnell were unprepared for the appalling novelty of a team of spin-loving batsmen. They looked demoralised, and there is no bowler in the world more appetising than a demoralised spinner.

Someone recently wrote: "Our cricketers have been relentlessly losing without a shred of concern... The plain truth is that for our cricketers, personal aggrandisement comes before the country's prestige. No one seems to think of the poor nation." This was in a letter in the local press about the *Indian* team, after their poor show in South Africa.

Now they are back home and strutting about like film stars, while England are the butt of any cheap outrage going. Why is it that defeat in a Test match abroad always sends so much of the population into a state of misery?

For the fact is, it is very difficult to win abroad, and the longer a tour continues, the harder it gets.

So what is the plan for the last Test? A half-smile was briefly visible beneath the Edna-specs. "What do you do when you write a crap article? You try and write a better one, don't you?"

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GRAHAM MORRIS



Overshadowed: England captain Graham Gooch ponders life in Bombay beneath a statue of Gandhi yesterday

Marathon route under threat

BY JOHN GOODBODY

THE route of this year's Nutrasweet London marathon, on April 18, is in jeopardy because the government will bar runners from Greenwich Park and St James's Park unless the organisers pay £15,000 for using the grass areas and roads.

However, Chris Brasher, the founder of the annual event and chairman of the marathon's board of directors, said yesterday: "Whatever happens, we shall go ahead with the race."

The government is asking the organisers to pay a new charge it has introduced for major events in the royal parks. Otherwise, they will have to move the start from its traditional place in Greenwich Park and also alter the climax of the race, which goes down the Mall, past Buckingham Palace and along Birdcage Walk to the finish on Westminster Bridge.

After 16 months of negotiations, there is an impasse between Brasher, the 1956 Olympic steeplechase gold medal-winner, supported by his board, and the government, led by Robert Key, the Minister for Sport, who wrote on February 8 stating that "the time has come when we must draw it to an end. If you cannot see your way to accepting the charging regime agreed by all other users, I am sorry to say that the royal parks will not be able to be used by the marathon this year."

The letter says that fees are levied to "cover the cost of remedial work required to repair grass areas damaged by large events like the marathon, compensate for the additional safety responsibilites taken on by the Department of National Heritage, compensate for the disruption to other park users and contribute to the annual running costs of the parks and to improve facilities for users".

Brasher said that the marathon has offered to pay for using Greenwich Park to erect marquees and portaloos, although it will again be using volunteers to clear up litter left behind after the start. However, in St James's Park, the runners only use the roads. Although spectators do line the route, they do not pay. It is also not customary for police charges to be levied for public events.

Brasher described the proposal to charge the marathon runners as a toll. "If we gave way on this, the whole of road running in Britain is in jeopardy." He added that he has already drafted a reply to Key and pointed out that any money that was given to the government would come from the surplus of the marathon, which is given to community sport in the capital. "The minister will be robbing these boroughs."

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By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Today's position is from the game Cladouras — Gurevich, Biel 1992. How did black capitalise on his active minor pieces?

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WORD GAMES

By PHILIP HOWARD

TOERING
a. A ring on the toe
b. Showing off
c. A straw hat

MANANOSAY
a. A straw tent
b. A clam
c. The autumn

BIGARADE
a. A bitter orange
b. Billeting soldiers on
c. A shameless dance

PURGA
a. An Islamic sacred book
b. A blizzard
c. Hindi women's quarters

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